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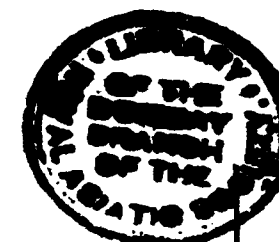
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'As You Were' Budget For Britain

NEHRU'S VISIT TO KARACHI

Expected Departure
On April 26

NEW DELHI, April 18 (PTI). The Prime Minister Pandit Nehru is expected to leave for Karachi on April 26 to meet Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan. He will return to New Delhi on April 28.

The President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, and Pandit Nehru are leaving on Friday April 21, on a three-day visit to Dhanbad, Sindri and Hazaribag. They will inspect the Damodar Valley head-works at Kunnarbundhi.

On April 21 the President and the Prime Minister will be presented with a civic address by the Dhanbad Municipality. They will be accorded a joint reception by the Indian Coal Owners Association, the Indian Mining Federation and allied bodies. The same day the Prime Minister will address a public meeting.

On Saturday the President and Pandit Nehru will visit the Sindri Fertiliser Factory and in the evening Dr. Rajendra Prasad will declare open the Fuel Research Institute at Dhanbad.

The engagements for April 23 include a visit to the Bokaro thermal station, the Kolar Dam site, a visit to Hazaribag and inspection of the Tiliya Dam site. Returning to Gaya by train on April 24 the President and the Prime Minister will leave by plane for Delhi.

LAIK ALI MINISTERS RELEASED

HYDERABAD (Dn), April 18. Mr. Pingle Venkatarama Reddi and Mr. Ramohani, Ministers of the former Laik Ali Government of Hyderabad, who were under house arrest since the police action have been released.

Both these former Cabinet colleagues of Mir Laik Ali are cited as witnesses in the case in which Mir Laik Ali and 16 others, including seven other Ministers of the Laik Ali Government, Syed Kasim Razvi, and Nawab Deen Yar Jung, former Director-General of Police, Hyderabad figure as accused.

INDIA TAKING OVER CHANDERNAGORE

Formal Ceremony On May 2

FRENCH DOCKERS' STRIKE ENDS

MARSEILLES, April 18 (PTI-Reuters). Marseille dockers of the Communist-led C.G.T. Union who have been on strike for 40 days in protest against the French war in Indo-China today decided to return to work.

Naval ratings and coloured colonial troops unloaded cargoes after the dockers refused to handle arms shipments for Indo-China.

U.P. Rebel Congress Leader To Consult High Command

LUCKNOW, April 18 (UPI)—Shri Tripathi Singh, the expelled leader of the minority group in the Congress Legislature Party of Uttar Pradesh, is proceeding to Delhi tomorrow for consultation with some members of the Congress High Command.

Drop In Refugee Influx

SHILLONG, April 18 (UPI)—A drop in the influx of refugees from East Bengal via Sylhet-Shillong road has been marked during these last few days. Muslim exodus from this side has practically stopped.

ANOTHER YEAR OF AUSTERITY Devaluation Pushes Up Exports

SIR S. CRIPPS' HOPEFUL ANALYSIS

LONDON, April 18. (PTI-REUTER)

SIR Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, promised Britons another year of austerity in an "as you were" Budget today.

He announced that his nearly 4,000 million sterling Budget allowed no scope for remissions of taxation of Britons—already the most highly taxed people in the world.

Sir Stafford, however, announced relief for lower income groups by reducing the three shillings and six pence rates to two shillings six pence and five shillings respectively.

Tax on petrol and other light oils would be increased by nine pence a gallon making petrol three shillings per gallon. But the standard petrol ration not giving motorists 90 miles a month would be doubled.

The purchase tax on high-priced private cars would be reduced from 66 2/3 per cent to 33 1/3 per cent.

VEHICLES PURCHASE TAX The Chancellor announced a

33 1/3 per cent purchase tax on hitherto tax-free commercial vehicles with the object of reducing the excessive volume of commercial vehicles coming on to the home market.

A slight relief to rural farmers was provided by an annual grant to farmers using vehicles operated on taxable oil.

Closing an income-tax loophole in the higher income groups, he announced that tax free payments by firms to their high executives would be subject to surtax retrospective to last year.

The beer duty would remain the same but gravity of beer would be increased by three degrees making it about half the pre-war strength.

The Chancellor promised an inquiry into income-tax relief where working for old age or retirement was concerned.

TAX RELIEF The income-tax relief announced by the Chancellor applies to the first fifty pounds of taxable income at present taxed at three shillings in the pound and the following two hundred pounds now taxed at six shillings in the pound.

The Budget leaves the nine shilling in the pound beyond the first 250 pounds of taxable income unchanged. The new proposal to tax payments to high executives of firms is a sequel to the decisions of two big automobile concerns last year to make payments of 100,000 pounds to their chief executives Sir Stanley Black of the Standard Automobile Company and Mr. Leonard Lord of Austin Motor Company—on condition they would never work for rival manufacturers.

The Chancellor refused to reduce Britain's food subsidies below the level of 410 millions.

RECOVERY OF GOLD RESERVES

Better Than Anticipated

The Chancellor told a crowded Parliament that Britain was at the moment in overall balance—indeed, at most certainly in overall surplus—with the rest of the world.

Presenting the Budget, he added, Britain had made a satisfactory beginning to the recovery of her gold and dollar reserves.

Referring to devaluation Cripps said: "So far as we can at present judge, events have moved rather more favourably for us than we anticipated."

EXPORTS RECOVER Cripps said exports had recovered sharply since September and preliminary information indicated that the volume in the first quarter of the year was ten per cent above that of the first quarter of last year.

Evidence of the first quarter this year tended to show that British exports were expanding satisfactorily and export prices were still fully competitive over a wide range of goods.

COMPETITION But it must be remembered that Germany and Japan were coming back into the international market. Even apart from that, competition was likely to intensify in the coming months. Receipts from visible exports for 1950 might reach 2,000 million sterling—some 200 million sterling more than last year, he said.

As for imports, there had been a "serious worsening" of the terms of trade since devaluation. They had moved ten points—taking 1947 as one hundred—against Britain between September 1949 and now.

On the importation of food, Sir

TRADE TALKS WITH PAKISTAN

Delegation Leaves For Karachi

NEW DELHI, April 18 (PTI): An Indian Trade Delegation led by Mr. C. C. Desai, Secretary, Commerce Ministry, left New Delhi for Karachi today for talks with the Pakistan Government to explore ways of resuming trade between the two countries. The talks are scheduled to open tomorrow.

Mr. Desai was accompanied by Messrs. K. Ambegakar, Secretary, Finance Ministry, L. K. Jha of the Commerce Ministry, and A. K. Roy of the Finance Ministry attached to the Ministry of Industry and Supplies.

Mr. P. C. Bhattacharya, Secretary of the Economic Committee, and three officials of the Reserve Bank are expected to join the Delegation later.

POLICE CLASH WITH ARMED GANG

Three Killed: 2 Injured

NARASAPUR, April 18. (PTI): Three members of an armed gang were killed and two constables received stab injuries in a clash between the police and the gang near here yesterday.

The police arrested three persons stated to be members of the Communist Dala at Narasapur the previous day. On the pretext of showing the hiding place of two other Communists, the arrested persons led the police outside Narasapur where a crowd opened fire against the police party. The police of the party, resulting in the death of three in the crowd. Two constables received stab injuries in the "melee".

REDS RAID HYDERABAD VILLAGE

Government Revenue Records Burnt

HYDERABAD (Dn), April 18 (P. T. I.): About half dozen armed men, described as Communists, raided Kanak village in the Pargana of Mahabubnagar district and burnt Government records seized from the police station and the Patwari, according to information received here.

Among the papers seized from the residence of the patwari and burnt were framed portraits of Mahatma Gandhi, reports added.

Russia Shot Down Missing U. S. Plane

PROTEST LODGED AT MOSCOW

WASHINGTON, April 18 (PTI-Reuters).

THE United States today charged that Russia had shot down the missing American Navy aircraft over the open sea.

In a reply to the Russian note on the incident the United States demanded that Russia institute a prompt and thorough investigation.

The United States further demanded that strict instructions should be issued to the Soviet Air Force that there be no repetition "under whatever pretext" of similar incidents.

The American States reply was made in a note delivered in Moscow today in reply to the Russian charges that an American bomber fired Soviet fighter planes over Latvia on April 8.

The American note said the missing privateer was the only American aircraft which was in the air in the Baltic area on April 8, when the alleged incident over Latvia took place.

The note said that no trace of the privateer's crew or plane had since been found.

STRICT INSTRUCTIONS The sternly-worded note, rejecting the Russian protest, said the investigation conducted by the United States Government had convinced it that the Navy plane complied strictly with instructions not to fly over foreign territory. It did not fly over any Soviet or Soviet-occupied territory or adjacent territorial waters, the note declared.

In the Ministry's communications under reference the Soviet Government acknowledges that one of its fighter aircraft fired upon an American plane on April 8, 1950 at 5:30 p.m. Moscow time, the note said.

In view of the fact that the only American military aeroplane which

3 BURIED ALIVE

Heap Of Sand Slides Down

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, April 18. There workers were buried alive under debris and ten workers received injuries while they were digging a trench for laying out the pipe line yesterday at about 11 a.m. near Mona, a village about 4 miles from Kalyan, where the National Rayon Corporation Ltd.'s work is proceeding.

It is learnt that these persons were working in a trench about 20 feet deep and 6 feet wide when all of a sudden a heap of sand and stones crashed down burying the workers. Three persons died on the spot and ten were injured.

Three persons were removed to the K.E.M. Hospital and the rest to the Kalyan Hospital. Police are investigating into incident.

REPUBLICAN INDIA'S FIRST CENSUS

Preparations In Full Swing

BOMBAY, April 18 (UPI): Preparations for holding the ninth All-India Decennial Census under the Republican constitution, provisionally fixed for March 1, 1951 are in full swing now.

The Government of India, it is learnt, will shortly issue a census questionnaire regarding relevant information necessary for a census.

The enumeration work which is spread over a period of 30 days prior to reference date (March 1) will be divided into three stages.

The first stage will be enumeration of household population, the second stage will be enumeration of floating population on the night preceding the reference date and the last stage will be a three days' check to bring the record up to date in respect of actual population alive on sunrise of March 1.

27 Viet Minh Rebels Killed

PARIS, April 18 (PTI-Reuters): French and Viet Namese troops killed 27 Viet Minh insurgents in recent operations east of Thai Binh in the Red River delta, an official communique, quoted by French sources, announced in Hanoi today.

The communique added that many Indo-Chinese rallied to the French Viet Namese forces in the Thai Nu Yen sector of West Tongkong. French troops were reported to have captured a large quantity of arms in the Thai Binh Province.

FIXATION OF SEATS IN PARLIAMENT

New Standard Adopted In Bill

NEW DELHI, April 18 (PTI)

PARLIAMENT took up today the Representation of the People Bill as moved by the Law Minister Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Mr. K. Santhanam moved in the absence of Dr. Ambedkar for the consideration of the bill.

A few minutes later, Dr. Ambedkar entered Parliament and on the request of the House elucidated various points in the bill.

He said that the bill dealt mainly with four questions, firstly the allocation of seats for the House of People among different States, secondly the fixing of the total seats for State Legislative Assemblies, thirdly questions relating to the registration of voters for election to Parliament and Legislative Assemblies and finally the fixing of the composition of State Legislative Council and registration of voters.

SEATS DISTRIBUTION In distributing seats in Parliament among different States the bill should conform to certain conditions laid down in Article 81 of the Constitution. The constituencies should be so determined as to ensure that there should be not less than one representative for every 750,000 of the population and not more than one representative for every 500,000.

The standard figure chosen between these two limits should be uniform throughout the territory of India. The standard figure adopted in the bill for the purpose of allocating seats was one member for every 720,000. Seats for different States were determined by dividing the total population of each State by this standard figure of 720,000.

TOTAL POPULATION The total population as estimated on March 1, 1950, under the orders issued by the President and published in the Gazette today are as follows:

Assam 8.51 million, Bihar 39.42, Bombay 32.69, Madhya Pradesh 20.91, Madras 54.29, Orissa 14.41, Punjab 12.61, Uttar Pradesh 61.62, West Bengal 24.52, Hyderabad 17.69, Jammu and Kashmir 4.37, Madhya Bharat 7.87, Mysore 8.06, Patiala and East Punjab States 3.32, Rajasthan 14.69, Saurashtra 3.96, Travancore and Cochin 8.58, Ajmer 0.73, Bhopal 0.85, Bilaspur 0.13, Coorg 0.17, Delhi 1.51, Himachal Pradesh 1.08, Cutch 0.55, Manipur 0.34, Tripura 0.58 and Vindhya Pradesh 3.58 million.

These figures had been calculated by the Census Commissioner and the President had accepted them.

With regard to Part C States (Centrally administered areas) the determination of seats for them in Parliament was governed by Article 82 which practically left it to the Government to decide. The Government had given one seat for each area. Delhi had been put on a different footing and given three seats because it had a bigger population. The Government was guided by consideration of equity and not by pure logic or population strength.

KASHMIR Dr. Ambedkar pointed out that there was a special provision in regard to Kashmir which differed in two particular respects. The Kashmir representation would not be elected directly and secondly their number was fixed independently of the standard figure which had been taken for the allocation of seats in regard to other States.

Kashmir was part of India in "an attenuated manner" The only article in the Constitution that applied to (Continued on Page 7)

Seretse Khama Reprimanded

TRIBE'S SHOW OF LOYALTY

SEROWE (Bechuanaland), April 18 (PTI-Reuters)—Seretse Khama, banished 29-year-old chief designate of the Bamangwato Tribe, said today he had been "severely reprimanded" by administration officials for a demonstration of loyalty by his people yesterday. He was threatened with cancellation of the permission granted for his five-day visit to see his London-born wife, Ruth, who is expecting a baby, he added.

Seretse, who arrived here at the week-end, today told reporters that he was asked to see the District Commissioner, Mr. Forster Mackenzie, at the Administration Camp late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Mackenzie, according to Seretse, told him he was not to show himself if people called at his house and on no account to address them.

"I was threatened with cancellation of my present parole if this happened again and generally blamed for the people's show of loyalty to me," he said.

Seretse also said plain clothed police were now watching his movements.

NO ALTERNATIVE

BURDWAN (West Bengal), April 18 (PTI): Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee in a recent letter to the Secretary of the Burdwan District Hindu Mahasabha, Mr. Sriharan Mitra, expressed the hope that, on his return to Bengal he would have "the opportunity to work with all together."

"There is no other way or alternative to save Bengal," Dr. Mukherjee said.

Syrian Envoy For India

NEW DELHI, April 18: For the mutual benefit of the two countries and to strengthen the friendly ties between them the Government of India and the Government of Syria have decided to establish diplomatic relations.

Dr. Naguib Armanazi has been appointed as Syria's Minister to India and Dr. A. A. Fyze, Ambassador of India in Egypt, has been concurrently accredited as India's Minister to Syria.

WAR PENSIONS

NEW DELHI, April 18 (UPI)—Over a lakh war pension claims have been settled by the Pensions Branch of the Ministry of Defence during the five years of its existence. It is hoped that by the end of this year this enormous task of granting pensions to those affected during the last war will be completed.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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(DIVISION II)

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NEW DELHI

Dated the 15-4-1950

Subject:— Tender No. F.461.

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Offers should be made only by parties HOLDING READY IM-FORCED STOCKS IN INDIA and should give the following particulars:—

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- Packing—size of tins, nett quantity in each tin and number of tins in each case.
- Name of manufacturer(s) their brand, if any, and country of origin.
- Date of manufacture and date of expiry.
- Warranty Period—i.e. the period upto which the stock is guaranteed to keep good by the manufacturers.

II. PRICE:— Quotation should be per lb. nett of Fruit tinned.

III. PERIOD OF DELIVERY:—

The tenderer will be required to deliver the supplies for inspection within FIFTEEN days of the acceptance of their offer.

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V. INSPECTION. By the Director of Supplies and Transport (G.M.G.'s Branch) Army Headquarters, New Delhi or an officer authorised for him at the place of inspection.

VI. SUBMISSION OF OFFER:— Offers should be sent on plain paper enclosed in a double cover. The inner cover should be sealed and must be clearly marked with the tender No. and due date for its return. The outer cover should be addressed to the Chief Director of Purchase without any indication that there is a tender enclosed within. Offers must reach this office not later than 4 P.M. on the day of the closing of the tender.

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VII. EARNEST MONEY:— Each offer must be accompanied by Earnest Money in the form of Demand Draft or deposit at Call Receipt for Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred only) on a scheduled Bank, in favour of the Chief Director of Purchase, Ministry of Food Government of India, New Delhi. The money will be forfeited should the tenderer withdraw his offer before the date upto which he agrees to keep his offer open, or in the event of the tender being accepted resile from his offer or fail to furnish security.

VIII. SECURITY DEPOSIT:— 5% tender deposit of the value of the tender accepted will be required to be deposited as security in any of the approved forms, within seven days of the acceptance of the tender. The Security Deposit will be refundable after the expiry of the warranty period.

IX. CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:— In the event of an offer being accepted by the Chief Director of Purchase, the purchase will be governed by the General Conditions of Contract (Form W. S. B. 133) as contained in the pamphlet "Conditions of Contract governing Department of Supply Contracts—March 1942 Edition" as amended from time to time and subject to change that where the words "Department of Supply" occur the words "Ministry of Food" should be substituted.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

APPLICATIONS are invited BEFORE 5-6-1950 for two posts of SUPERVISORS, one at Bombay and one at Poona under the Provincial Rationing Officer (Iron and Steel). PAY:— Rs. 220-650 PLUS dearness and other allowances. AGE:— Not more than 35 years on 1-8-1950, relaxable in suitable cases. QUALIFICATIONS:— For the post of Supervisor at Poona— (1) University degree in Mechanical Engineering or diploma in Mechanical Engineering of recognised institution; (2) three years' experience in case of graduates and six years' experience in other cases in engineering business or in engineering construction. FOR THE POST OF SUPERVISOR AT BOMBAY:— (1) Diploma in Sanitary Engineering of V.J.T.I., Bombay; (2) five years' experience in engineering business or in engineering construction. Application form supplied on receipt of a large addressed envelope with four annas postage stamps and a CROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to the "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission, Bombay", who will supply full details on request. Persons registered with the Employment Exchanges can obtain the form on application IN PERSON at the Exchange Office. (7616)

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES B. B. & C. I. Railway, Mahalaxmi, Bombay No. 11, invites Tender No. P.4/81 dt. 18-4-50 for the supply of 90,000 Sq. Ft. Bamboo Matting of Sizes.

Tenders can be had from the Controller of Stores, Mahalaxmi, Bombay No. 11 on payment of Rs. 2/- each in cash only which is not refundable.

Tenders should be submitted in sealed cover to the Controller of Stores, B. B. & C. I. Ry. Mahalaxmi, on or before 1st May, 1950. Tenderers not on this Railway's approved list should submit their Bankers' reference and Income Tax Clearance Certificate.

J. ISRAEL
for Controller of Stores. (7619)

ONE BRAND NEW MORRIS has operated 10-ton capacity, overhead travelling crane ready for shipment is available for immediate sale.

2. Specifications—Type—Double girder. Number of lifting speeds—3. Working load—10 tons; Test load—15 tons. Span (c. to c. of crane rails)—43'-0". Floor to the top of gantry—13'-0". The cost price of the crane is £ 525 F.O.B. England.

3. Intending purchasers should contact for further details the Deputy Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Public Works Department, Churchgate, Bombay, who will receive final offers upto 12 noon of Thursday the 6th May, 1950. (7618)

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY TENDERS

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SWASTIK OIL MILLS LIMITED.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of Swastik Oil Mills Ltd. will be held on 11-4-50 at the office of Messrs. Bakubhai Ambalal (Ld.), 27, Bastion Road, Fort, Bombay.

1. To adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1949 and to confirm the donations received by the Company during the year.

2. To elect Directors in place of Mr. Narottam Lalbhai and Mr. Ambalal Sarabhai who retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election.

3. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board of Directors
M. G. MEHTA,
Secretary.
Bombay, 3rd April, 1950. (7623)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MUNICIPAL OF CUDDAPAH.

E. A. No. 464 of 49.
(O. S. No. 306 of 43)

Plaintiff. (Petitioner.)
MITTA VENKATASUBBIAH
Vs.
Respondents.

(1) Vasudeva Padagachappa, deceased, Legal Representatives, sons, (2) Govindu Vasudeva Somiseti, (3) Pamaji Vasudeva Somiseti, (4) Purushotham Vasudeva Somiseti, (5) Venkatesu Vasudeva Somiseti, 3 to 5 minors by guardian brother 2nd Respondent.

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS 3 TO 5.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that E.A. No. 464/49 has been filed in O. S. No. 306/43 in the Court of the District Municipal, Cuddapah for adding you as the Legal Representatives of the deceased Vasudeva Padagachappa, the 1st Respondent, making the 2nd Respondent as the guardian and the same is posted to 2-6-50 for your appearance, on Failure to appear on that day it will be declared that 2nd Respondent is willing to be appointed as guardian and the Court will be pleased to appoint some other guardian.

K. SEETHARAMAYYA
Advocate for petitioner. (7621)

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THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1949

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.							
CAPITAL—				CASH—							
AUTHORISED CAPITAL				Cash in hand and with Reserve Bank of India							
(a) 10,50,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 50/- each	Rs.	5,25,00,000	0 0	Cash at Bankers in Current Accounts:							
(b) 4,20,000 Ordinary 'A' Shares of Rs. 25/- each	Rs.	1,05,00,000	0 0	(a) In the Provinces of India		1,85,31,565	3 2				
	Rs.	6,30,00,000	0 0	(b) Outside the Provinces of India		2,30,48,208	6 11				
ISSUED CAPITAL				Money at Call							
(a) 10,50,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 50/- each	Rs.	5,25,00,000	0 0	INVESTMENTS: (at Book Value)							
(1) 4,72,528 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 50/- each issued as paid up to the extent of Rs. 25/- without payment in cash in exchange for 9,45,056 shares of the Tata Industrial Bank Ltd.	Rs.	2,35,26,400	0 0	Government of India and Provincial Loans and Trustee Securities							
(2) 5,77,472 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 50/- each issued for payment in cash	Rs.	2,88,73,600	0 0	Face Value	Rs. 53,71,27,500	0 0	Market Value	Rs. 53,63,05,538	13 0		
	Rs.	5,25,00,000	0 0	Shares:			Fully Paid	Rs.	8,51,725	0 0	
(b) 2,10,000 Ordinary 'A' Shares of Rs. 25/- each fully paid up issued as bonus shares for consideration other than cash	Rs.	52,30,000	0 0	(a) Preference	Rs.	1,24,53,363	4 4	(b) Ordinary	Rs.	2,60,33,609	9 7
	Rs.	5,77,50,000	0 0	(c) Deferred	Rs.	8,25,512	6 0	(d) Other Classes	Rs.	67,798	12 0
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL—				Debentures or Bonds							
(a) 10,48,475 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 50/- each. Amount called up at Rs. 25/- per share		2,62,11,875	0 0	Face Value	Rs. 53,98,100	0 0	Market Value	Rs.	52,22,432	8 0	
Note:—1. The above number includes 393 Ordinary Shares of the Central Bank of India, Ltd. which remain to be given against 726 coupons issued by the Central Bank of India Ltd. for a like number of shares of the Tata Industrial Bank, Ltd. which have not yet been submitted for conversion.				Other Investments:							
2. 40 Ordinary Shares of the Central Bank of India, Ltd. which remain to be given against 80 coupons issued by the Bank, but not yet submitted for conversion.				(a) Pakistan Loans	Rs.	1,73,43,909	11 0	(b) Indian State Loans	Rs.	2,17,52,677	11 3
(b) 2,09,695 Ordinary 'A' Shares of Rs. 25/- each fully paid up		52,42,375	0 0	(c) Foreign Securities	Rs.	1,71,13,340	2 8	(d) Other Municipal Debentures	Rs.	48,11,752	8 9
Note:—598 Ordinary 'A' shares remain to be given against 2,900 coupons issued but not yet submitted for conversion.				(e) National Savings Certificate	Rs.	5,000	0 0				
Reserve Liability of Shareholders:—											
Rs. 25/- per Share on 10,48,475 Shares Subscribed upto 31-12-1949		2,62,11,875	0 0	Face Value	Rs. 6,02,85,966	10 8	Market Value	Rs.	5,93,30,505	14 1	
Amount Received on 31 Shares Forfeited				LOANS AND OTHER ADVANCES:—							
Reserve Fund				Cash Credits, Demand Advances and Loans:							
Contingency Fund as per Balance Sheet dated 31-12-1948		50,00,000	0 0	(a) In the Provinces of India							
Add—Amount transferred from Profits of the year ended 31-12-1949		20,00,000	0 0	(b) Outside the Provinces of India							
		70,00,000	0 0	Bills Discounted and Purchased:							
Less—Amount appropriated for Bad Debts		30,00,000	0 0	(a) Payable in any Province of India							
		40,00,000	0 0	(b) Payable outside the Provinces of India							
Sinking Fund in respect of Lands and Buildings:—				PARTICULARS							
For Leasehold Premises at Calcutta, Lahore and Jamshedpur		8,42,087	3 0	(i) Debts considered good in respect of which the bank is fully secured							
For other Lands and Buildings		29,65,072	3 11	(ii) Debts considered good for which the bank holds no other security than the debtor's personal security							
Current and Call Deposits, Contingency and other Accounts				(iii) Debts considered good, secured by the personal liabilities of one or more parties in addition to the personal security of the debtors							
Savings Bank Deposits				(iv) Debts considered doubtful							
Fixed Deposits and Cash Certificates											
Bills Payable				(v) Debts due by directors or officers of the bank or any of them either severally or jointly with any other persons							
Debts due to Banks, Agents and Correspondents:				(vi) Debts due by companies or firms in which the directors of the bank are interested as directors, partners or managing agents or, in the case of private companies, as members							
Secured by part of Investments per Contra				(vii) Maximum total amount of loans, including temporary advances, made at any time during the year to directors or managers or officers of the company							
(a) In the Provinces of India	Rs.	1,00,00,000	0 0	(viii) Maximum total amount of loans, including temporary advances, granted during the year to the companies or firms in which the directors of the bank are interested as directors, partners or managing agents or, in the case of private companies, as members							
(b) Outside the Provinces of India	Rs.	36,73,884	12 8	(ix) Due from banks							
Bills for Collection: Bills Receivable as per Contra:				LANDS AND BUILDINGS:—							
(a) Payable in any Province of India				Cost as per last Balance Sheet	Rs.	75,55,585	4 10	Bank Premises	Rs.	38,41,837	15 1
(b) Payable outside the Provinces of India				Less—Cost of Properties sold during the year				Investment in Properties	Rs.	12,03,876	0 0
Acceptances for Customers: As per Contra								Non-Banking Assets	Rs.	1,50,331	0 9
Branch Adjustments											
Amounts owing to Subsidiary Companies											
Unclaimed Dividends											
Rebate on Bills Discounted											
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT:—											
Balance as per Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1948											
Less—Final Dividend at the rate of 16% per annum paid for the half-year ended 31st December 1948											
Profit for the year 1949											
Less—Ad-interim Dividend paid for the half-year ended 30th June 1949 at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, i.e., Rs. 1/8 per Share											
Amount transferred to Contingency Fund											
Amount transferred to Bank's Investments											
Amount provided for Taxation											
Amount provided for Bonus to Staff											
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES				(Further Provision in Sinking Fund as per Contra)							
Rs. 33,50,337-8-0 is on Investments in Shares of Joint-Stock Companies and Banks. And on Bills re-discounted Rs. 30,504-16-9 of which Rs. 27,641-0-0 and Rs. 27,169-03 of which Rs. 18,322-72 upto 28th February 1950 have run off.				Bills Receivable:—							
Claims against the Company not acknowledged as debts Rs. 14,70,108-1-6.				(a) Payable in any Province of India							
Liability on account of outstanding Forward Exchange Contracts Rs. 5,39,36,905-3-9.				(b) Payable outside the Provinces of India							
Note:—The figures of the Bank's Branches in Pakistan have been incorporated in the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account at par.				Customers for Acceptances per contra							
				Office Furniture and Fittings: Cost as per last Balance Sheet							
				Add—Additions less Sales made during the year							
				Total cost to date							
				Less—Amount written off to date for Depreciation							
				OTHER ASSETS:—							
				E.P.T. Deposit with Government under Section 10 of the Finance Act, 1942							
				Shares of the Central Bank Executor and Trustee Co., Ltd., at Cost							
				Shares of the Depositors' Benefit Insurance Co., Ltd. at Cost							
				Interest accrued on Investments							
				Bulion on Hand (Silver, at below market value)							
				Stamps, Stationery, Stock of Home Savings Sales and Safe Deposit Boxes							
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STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1949.

	Rs.	a. p.		Rs.	a. p.
To Interest paid on deposits	95,98,381	18 6	By Interest and Discount (less Provision made during the year for bad and doubtful debts) ..	3,40,44,313	6 7
Interest paid on Borrowings from Banks	1,49,663	14 8	Exchange including transfer from Exchange Reserve ..	41,60,521	2 0
Salaries and Allowances at Head Office and Local Branches ..	44,22,590	5 3	Commission, Brokerage and Miscellaneous Receipts ..	23,12,303	3 6
including Bonus debited during the year			Difference on Sale of Investments, Gold and other Assets ..	17,00,012	12 0
Salary and Allowances to Managing Director Rs. 1,36,870/- ..			Rent on Bank's Premises (excluding Rent on Premises used by the Bank)	3,76,977	1 9
Salaries and Allowances at Upcountry Branches including Bonus debited during the year	1,12,55,088	7 3	Rent from non-Banking Assets	2,38,346	0 6
Contributions to Provident Fund	7,73,961	12 8	Refund of Income-tax	9,58,413	4 0
Directors' Fees	48,980	0 0	Transfer Fees	11,188	12 0
Committee Members' Fees	14,200	0 0			
Auditors' Fees	82,000	0 0			
Postage, Telegrams and Stamps	5,91,036	9 7			
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	12,81,374	7 0			
Amount transferred to Sinking Fund on Bank's Property ..	63,467	8 0			
Depreciation on Furniture, etc.	2,31,056	6 11			
Amount transferred to Bank's Investments in Government and other Securities	1,72,879	7 8			
Rent, Taxes, Insurance, Lighting and Other Charges	20,07,528	2 3			
Law Charges	80,100	8 0			
Repairs to Bank's Property	4,87,078	10 3			
Contribution to "The Gandhi Memorial Fund"	2,50,000	0 0			
Balance (Net-Profit)	1,22,62,023	9 0			
Rupees	4,37,91,975	10 4	Rupees	4,37,91,975	10 4

Note:—Remuneration received by Directors for their own use from other Companies by virtue of nomination by the Bank on the Board of other Companies amounted to Rs. 500/- during the year.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS.

We have audited the foregoing Balance Sheet of the Central Bank of India, Ltd., as at the 31st day of December 1949, and also the foregoing Profit and Loss Account of the Bank for the year ended upon that date, in which are incorporated the audited Returns of 83 Branches and the authenticated Returns of the Pay Offices and other Branches, and report that:—

- We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and have found them to be satisfactory;
- The transactions of the Bank which have come to our notice have been within the powers of the Bank; and
- The returns received from Branch Offices of the Bank have been found adequate for the purpose of the audit;
- In our opinion, the foregoing Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account are drawn up in conformity with the law;
- Such Profit and Loss Account shows a true balance of profit for the year;
- Such Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Bank according to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank; and
- In our opinion, books of account have been kept by the Bank as required by Section 130 of the Indian Companies Act 1913.

A. F. FERGUSON & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.
S. B. BILLIMORIA & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.

Bombay, 29th March 1950.

DINSHAW D. ROMER
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C. P. WADIA
Managing Director.
H. C. CAPTAIN

War CAN Be Averted, But It Needs A Warlike Effort

DULLES ASKS WORLD TO MOBILISE

NEW YORK, APRIL 18. (PTI-REUTER).
WAR CAN BE AVERTED—BUT ONLY BY AN EFFORT EQUAL TO THAT NEEDED TO WIN A GREAT CONFLICT. MR. JOHN FOSTER DULLES, REPUBLICAN PARTY FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT, WROTE IN HIS BOOK "WAR OR PEACE", BEING PUBLISHED TODAY.

He urged the "free world" to mobilise against the "relatively small, fanatical Soviet Communist Party" the potentialities "which we usually reserve for war."

Mr. Dulles's book was regarded as having added significance in view of his recent appointment as a consultant to the Secretary of State.

"Future generations will look back with amazement if war is averted," he wrote.

"It will be an achievement without precedent. Yet that is our task. It is a task that requires an effort like the one required to win a great war. There is hope, provided our people see the danger clearly, as it is, so that we are not deceived into false moves. Provided we understand the many present policies that are good so that we can get behind them unitedly and resolutely, provided we see the inadequacy of present policies, so that we round them out to a global whole, and provided we develop the spiritual power without which no policy can be more than a makeshift."

"The 'great soviet experiment' is

the most ballyhooed scheme for softening-up the opposition that the world has ever known. That softening-up organisation is, in turn, backed by the most ruthless, unscrupulous, highly trained, omnipresent, secret army that the world has ever known."

He defined the Western democracies need to meet Soviet Communist inroads as a true and full bipartisan foreign policy in the United States, to command unity at home and attract advance abroad; changes in the United Nations to "weight" voting in the General Assembly according to a nation's importance, to confine the Security Council veto to substantive matters, to make membership universal, and to make working procedure less time-consuming; strong American pressure to bring early and genuine reality to Western European unity, "which could turn present weakness into the strength that the free societies need desperately at this critical juncture in world affairs."

Top-Shelf Talks In Brussels

BRUSSELS, April 18 (PTI-REUTER): The United States Ambassador in London, Mr. Lewis Douglas, yesterday conferred here with Ministers of the five Western Union nations after a surprise invitation to him meet them. The conference, at the Belgian Foreign Office, lasted more than 40 minutes.

Mr. Douglas had hurried to Brussels after an invitation from the five nations' Defence and Foreign Ministers, discussing a common military defence plan here as the Western Union consultative council.

Loans For Harijans

PATNA, April 18 (PTI): The Government of Bihar has decided to advance loans to deserving Harijans for setting up cottage industries under the State Aid to the Industries (Amendment) Act 1949.

The maximum amount admissible under the rules is Rs. 500 in each case.



Lewis Douglas

CENTRE'S NEW SCHEME OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Basis On Pay Commission's Recommendations

THE Government of India have sanctioned with immediate effect a new scheme of retirement benefits for the superior civil services rules, the central (class IV) services (gratuity, pension and retirement) rules, 1936, says a Finance Ministry communiqué.

The new scheme provides for pension on a reduced scale, a death-cum-retirement gratuity and family pension. The scheme is a composite one and has been drawn up on the basis of the various recommendations of the Central Pay Commission accepted by Government. Apart from rationalising and liberalising in certain directions the existing pensionary system, it seeks to remove a major defect in that system by providing for certain benefits for the dependents of retired employees who may die while in service or soon after retirement.

The scheme, the communiqué says, provides for superannuation, invalid and compensation gratuities and pensions.

THE SCHEME

The scheme provides for 30 years' qualifying service for pension and three months notice prior to retirement on either side.

On completion of five years' qualifying service, an employee becomes eligible for an additional benefit in the form of a gratuity at the rate of 9-20ths of his emoluments for each year of service subject to a maximum of 15 months' emoluments. The gratuity is payable to the employee at the time for retirement in addition to a gratuity or pension in accordance with the above table. In the event of his death while in service it is payable to his nominees or legal heirs, and in that case it will also be subject to a minimum of 12 months' emoluments. Emoluments for this purpose have been defined as in the existing pension rules and have been limited to a maximum of Rs. 1,500 per mensem. The procedure for nominating the beneficiaries to the gratuity closely follows the procedure at present adopted in respect of provide the funds.

FURTHER BENEFITS

The scheme also provides for a further benefit in the shape of a pension for families of retired employees after putting in 25 years' qualifying service. This pension is payable for five years from the date of death, if the employee dies while in service, or for the unexpired portion of five years from the date of retirement, if he dies after retirement. The pension will be equal to half the amount calculated on the basis of the above table but will be subject to a maximum of Rs. 150 per mensem. If an employee has been nominated for this pension before death, the family pension is reduced by that amount, subject to certain conditions the pension is payable to one member of the family at a time in accordance with a nomination made by the employee failing which it is to be paid in a natural order provided for in the scheme. If a pension granted to a particular person lapses before expiry of benefit period, it can be regranted to another member of the family of the deceased for the rest of the benefit period. The "family" for this purpose has been defined as consisting of wife (husband in the case of a female employee) sons, unmarried and widowed daughters, parents, brothers below the age of 18 years, unmarried and widowed sisters, if dependent on the deceased for support, are also treated as members of the family.

In the case of class IV employees who may attain pensionable status under the Government of India hereafter, the minimum age above which service counts for pension has been raised from 16 to 18 years.

FOR PENSION

At present temporary service counts for pension to a limited extent. The new scheme provides for addition of half the continuous temporary service, which does not qualify now, towards qualifying service if it is followed by confirmation in a pensionable post.

The Central Pay Commission had recommended abolition of the facility for commutation of pension and of the lump sum payable at the time of retirement by way of death-cum-retirement gratuity. In the opinion of the Government withdrawal of these facilities in the present conditions might cause hardship to the employees in settling down to retired life. The new scheme, therefore, provides for commutation under the present rules restricted to 1/3 of the pension.

The new scheme automatically applies to employees in service on April 17, 1950, including those on leave preparatory to retirement on that date, persons governed by the pre-1936 pension rules in the superior civil services rules and the civil service regulations can, however, opt out of the new scheme and elect to be governed by the existing rules as a whole, with in one year or before retirement whichever is earlier.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Government also accepted the Central Pay Commission's recommendations (1) that no change should be made in the rules relating to gratuity of "emoluments" and "average emoluments" for pension; (2) that no minimum limit need be prescribed for pension and (3) that no modification need be made in the extraordinary pension rules. The Commission's recommendation that contribution to pension should be allowed to persons who wish to serve in permanent pensionable posts for short period.

NEW DELHI, April 18. (PTI). The new scheme is expected to result in a substantial increase in the pensions bill of the Government of India. Government have, however, sanctioned the scheme in the hope that the benefits conferred thereby would go a long way towards mitigating the anxiety and genuine hardship caused to employees and their families under the present system of pension and would help them to show greater efficiency, loyalty and zeal in the discharge of their duties.

SEARCH OF PRIVATE PREMISES

Relief Committee Urges Public To Seek Its Help

BOMBAY, Tuesday. Dr. M. C. Bilpodiwala, M.B.B.S., J.P., District Medical Officer, Parsi Colony, Dadar, Bombay, 14.

"A special meeting of the Parsi Federal Council, a representative body of various Parsi Associations was convened on the 11th inst. when an influential metropolitan committee called (the Prohibition Relief Committee) was appointed. Its object is to secure ameliorative measures for the large number of unemployed resulting from the prohibition policy and for considering the question of less sustained by individual citizens, and also for submitting suggestions to the Government for laying down reasonable principles for intended search of private premises of citizens with a view to avoiding unnecessary hardships to innocent persons, etc.

"On receiving information from any aggrieved person by communication or personal interview with me, the committee will represent such cases to the Government with a view to provide relief where necessary."

TEACHING OF HINDI IN BOMBAY STATE

Education Council's Recommendations

BOMBAY, Tuesday. The Bombay State Education Council met this morning at the Committee Room, Secretariat, and considered the position to be given to Hindi in the educational system of the State. Shri Morarji R. Desai, Minister for Home and Revenue, presided.

The Council was of the opinion that Hindi should be taught compulsorily in standards V to XI while it should be taught through the direct method in standards III and IV. The Council further felt that it was necessary to evolve a simpler course for immediate introduction of Hindi in classes V to XI as it might take sometime till the final curriculum for the teaching of Hindi in these standards is drawn up.

BUSINESS IN SUTTA ALLEGED

Eight Arrests In City

BOMBAY, Tuesday. A miniature "office" situated at Siesha Road and alleged to have been doing a flourishing business in sutta betting was raided last night by the Paltan Road Police who arrested eight persons.

Producing Mohamed Ismail, Louis Baroota, Devji Narain, Minoo Sorabji and four others, before Mr. A. A. Shetum, Presidency Magistrate, Ballard Pier Court, the police stated that the accused were openly carrying on transactions in a room at Vijay Bhuvan.

All the accused were released on bail.

Said To Have, Sold "Saccharine"

BOMBAY, Tuesday. Three hundred tons of spurious saccharine, complete paraphernalia for manufacturing the counterfeit commodity, and a large collection of labels from genuine saccharine-manufacturing concerns of India, are said to have been seized by the General Branch of the Bombay Police, when they raided Evergreen Hotel, Khar, yesterday.

It is alleged that the proprietor of the hotel, Sajansingh Motisingh, advertised in the papers that he could supply any amount of saccharine at reasonable prices.

Some businessmen applied and paid the money and got the goods. When, however, they later opened the tins they found that the commodity was no saccharine, but something which looked like it.

A complaint was lodged with the police and the suspect was arrested.

Mother Jumps Into Well

BOMBAY, Tuesday. Pavanabai Parsharam, aged about 28, told her husband this morning she was going to the lavatory. She did not return within a reasonable time, he made a search for her. Eventually her body was found floating in a well at Bhandarwada, Mahim.

The husband stated at the inquest that his wife was always brooding over their child who died 10 months ago.

City Ban On Meetings Extended

BOMBAY, Tuesday. The order of the Commissioner of Police prohibiting meetings and processions in Greater Bombay has been extended for 15 days, from April 19.

Fatal Jump From Third Floor

BOMBAY, Tuesday. Mrs. Roohan R. Mehta, wife of R. Mehta, Assistant Legal Remembrancer of the Government of Bombay and daughter of Mr. Dhanjishah Nana-vatty, Partner in the firm of Messrs. Mulia and Mulia, well-known solicitors, died this afternoon at about 4.30, as the result of a fall from the third floor balcony of Rustom Building, at the intersection of Tamarind Lane and Churchgate Street, opposite St. Thomas Cathedral.

Death was instantaneous, her head being bashed in due to the impact with the hard stone pavement. It was learnt that the girl, a resident of Pail Hill/Bandy got into her car at noon, today in the company of a relation and drove to the Secretariat, where she parked the vehicle. Then, she seems to have taken a brisk walk in the direction of Churchgate Street. Asking the relation to wait for her below, she is stated to have raced up the staircase to the dispensary of Dr. Jal Patel, a dentist practising on the third floor of the building.

In the next second or two the grim drama took place.

Passers-by on Tamarind Lane were horrified to see the body of a young and well-dressed woman hurtling through space and landing on the pavement below.

The people rushed to the spot and saw Mrs. Mehta lying in the foot-path with a stream of fresh blood gushing out from her head. Life appeared to be extinct in her.

The last things the ill-fated woman carried with her, were seen neatly piled in a corner of the balcony, which had sent her to her death. They were a red, leather hand bag of a stylish make, and three or four copies of the "Home Chat", a ladies' journal. It appeared that Mrs. Mehta had left them neatly arranged on the balcony during the last seconds of her life.

Questioned by a representative of this paper, Dr. Patel, who appeared to have been completely upset by the tragedy, stated that the girl had no appointment with him for today.

She was an old patient of his. He was a friend of the family, her father being particularly well-known to him. Dr. Patel said that the girl had come to his dispensary yesterday for some dental trouble. She had been treated by one of his assistants. Today, he was in his room when some strangers from down came up and told him of the incident. He did not even know that Mrs. Mehta had entered his dispensary. He had telephonically communicated to her relations immediately.

At a formal on-the-spot inquest held by the City Coroner on the body of the deceased, Dr. N. H. Nanavaty of 41 Queen's Road identified the body as that of his niece. Further inquest will be held on April 20.

Free Health Clinics Suggested

The second Bombay Provincial Physical Education Conference, which concluded its 3-day session in Madras on Monday suggested to the Central and State Governments that Ministries be formed to look after and promote physical welfare of the nation. The Conference recommended the establishment of free health clinics for periodic health examination of the people and the introduction of compulsory physical education in schools and colleges.

Shri G. D. Vartak

Shri G. D. Vartak, Minister for Local Self-Government, will participate in the Shivajayanti celebrations to be held at Thana on the night of April 19.

'FUTURE OF KASHMIR RESTS WITH PEOPLE'

National Conference Reiterates Its Stand

JAMMU, April 18 (PTI). Jammu and Kashmir State today reiterated its faith that the forty lakhs Kashmiris alone could decide the future of that State.

A resolution, ratified by the Special Convention of the Conference which has been in session here, explained that a reiteration had become necessary as the Kashmir issue had once again "engaged the attention of the Security Council" and controversy involving the future of Kashmir deliberately ignored "basic facts".

The resolution, which was earlier unanimously passed by the Working committee, said the will of the people was sovereign and it remained with them to decide their future affiliations.

After sixteen months of "tortuous negotiations", it added, the UNCIP reported failure of its efforts to the Security Council. At the very outset, the National Conference had warned everyone not to bypass the basic fact of aggression and that any effort at minimizing the sovereign right of the people of Kashmir to freely decide their future would not contribute to an enduring solution.

Welcoming fresh moves for settling the dispute through peaceful means, the resolution said the fundamental points at issue should be clarified and the causes of the dispute thoroughly investigated before suggesting methods of bringing about an agreement.

It considered that all the necessary conditions of normalcy must be created in the State to enable the people

Alleged Cheats To Be Extradited

BOMBAY, Tuesday. A young married couple from Jodhpur, alleged to have cheated a number of persons there by offering large loans and collecting Rs. 50 each as earnest money, are awaiting extradition from Bombay, to stand their trial at Jodhpur.

It was learnt that some time ago the Bombay Police were alerted that a man and his wife had swindled a lot of Jodhpuris, by opening a bogus office offering loans upto Rs. 5,000 per applicant and decamping with advances, which are learnt to have aggregated to a tidy bit.

One of the victims, it was learnt, saw the couple moving about Bombay and intimated to the police. Anandprakash Chiranjilal Parker and his wife Satyavati Parker, the suspects were arrested. Enquiries revealed that the couple, along with two other girls still at large, introduced advertisements in Rajasthan papers, that they would advance large sums of money for desperate mortgagors. A certain number of applications were received.

The suspects are alleged to have issued some sort of bogus membership certificates to the applicants, and collected Rs. 50 per application. When the men who had parted with the money pressed their claims for loans, the suspects are stated to have informed their clients, that the office records had been accidentally destroyed and collected the certificates on this ruse, promising to return them after the records were set right.

The victims learnt later that the couple had left, the office was dismantled and the precious papers they had bought were gone. The Jodhpur Police were intimated and they in turn informed the Bombay Police, asking them to keep a watch.

T.W.A. Profit Tops Rs. 176 Lakhs In 1949

BOMBAY, Tuesday. Trans World Airline reported a net profit of Rs. 176 lakhs for the year 1949. The airline reported its annual report from the offices of President Ralph S. Damon, and Chairman of the Board Warren Lee Pierson. This compares with a final adjusted loss of Rs. 60 lakhs in 1948.

Most significant in figures revealed by the annual report was the fact that TWA chopped its expense for 1949 almost Rs. 48 lakhs, under the 1948 figure.

Total operating expense was Rs. 470 lakhs for the year 1949 against Rs. 474 lakhs for 1948. TWA's total operating income for the year was Rs. 504 lakhs. In 1948 it was Rs. 481 lakhs.

During 1949 T.W.A. ordered 20 new Constellations and placed orders for six additional Constellations in February 1950. These will provide a total Constellation fleet of 61 when deliveries are complete. In order to provide modern, post-war service in the two-engine class, T.W.A. placed orders for 30 Martin 4-0-4 pressurized airplanes. Delivery of these will be preceded by twelve Martin 2-0-2's which will be available for medium and short haul traffic beginning in July.

WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Bombay's Public Works Minister inaugurated in Baroda on Tuesday the Sardar Water Works—the municipal water works at Nadiad. Designed to supply thirty lakhs gallons per day, the water works is expected to cost Rs. 48 lakhs. The Government of Bombay has sanctioned a third of the cost.

Ritz Hotel Case APPEAL AGAINST ACQUITTAL REFUSED

BOMBAY, Tuesday. Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar and Mr. Justice Vyas refused the State of Bombay leave to appeal to the Supreme Court against the acquittal by the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Dixit of Mario Bonaveglio the Manager, R. R. Kapoor a director, and two chefs of the Ritz Hotel, Bombay for breach of the Food Control Order. Their Lordships held that the order of acquittal having been passed in December 1949 prior to the coming into force of the new constitution the State of Bombay could not claim retrospectively the rights of appeal now conferred by the Constitution.

The Government Pleader appeared for the State of Bombay.

Mr. E. B. Ghaswalla and Mr. A. A. Adarakar instructed by Messrs. Tyabji Dhanabhai and Co. appeared for Mario, Kapoor and the Chefs.

Photographer's Appeal Dismissed

BOMBAY, Tuesday. Ramdas Ozaliker, a noted photographer who was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 250/- for assaulting one M. J. Japanwala appealed against his conviction but Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar and Mr. Justice Vyas dismissed it and confirmed the conviction.

The case of the complainant was that he was given two or three kicks by the appellant and then thrown out in a faint when he went to the appellant's studio to settle some disputes. The appellant contended that he never assaulted the complainant. On the contrary the complainant who had come with his companion, Bashir, Faizy, Khaili, Abu and Yusuf, intimidated him. Consequently, he rang up the police which frightened them away. The appellant further submitted that as Dave, an alleged eye-witness was not examined by the complainant the Court ought to have drawn an adverse inference.

Besides, the complainant did not examine the police inspector who, according to the prosecution had applied on the complainant's head to bring him to consciousness and who according to the complainant had incorrectly taken down the non-cognizable complaints.

By the appellant's servant, Trambak who also was fined Rs. 50 for assisting his master in assaulting the complainant jointly appealed against his conviction but was unsuccessful.

Mr. Phiroze R. Vakil appeared for the appellants.

Shuttles For Textile Looms: Notice

BOMBAY, Tuesday. The Textile Commissioner has issued a notice to the Government of India has, by a gazette notification, excluded shuttles for use in textile looms (other than jute and hemp) from the operation of certain clauses of the Cotton Textiles (Control Order, 1948). The effect of this notification is that it is no longer necessary for importers to declare to the Textile Commissioner information in respect of consignments of shuttles. No licences are also necessary for purchase and/or sale of shuttles.

The provisions in the control order which empower the Textile Commissioner to issue directions for sale of specified quantities of shuttles to specified persons will, however, continue to remain in force.

The sale price of shuttles used in textile looms (other than jute and hemp) would be limited to the ceiling fixed from time to time. The current ceiling price for ordinary imported shuttles of 14-1/2" in size or smaller is Rs. 84/- per dozen F.O.R. at the port of entry.

EXPLORING MOUNTAIN RANGES

Activities Of Himalayan Club Explained

BOMBAY, Tuesday. "The Himalayan Club was the subject of a talk by Mr. Lenden to the members of the Bombay Rotary Club at Green's Hotel, this afternoon. Mr. N. N. Ghose, Vice-President of the Club was in the chair.

Mr. Lenden said that the Club which was founded in 1928 had on its roll many distinguished personalities, including several ex-Viceroy's. Its aims and objects were to encourage and assist Himalayan travel and exploration and to extend knowledge of the Himalayas and other adjoining mountain ranges, through science, art, literature and sport. A library was also formed which greatly expanded in later years.

Mr. Lenden said that the Club also collected and maintained a stock of mountaineering equipment, for hire, to the members. Members were sent out to explore valleys and hills of the Himalayan mountains.

He made it clear that the Club on its own never organised any major expedition, though it was closely associated with many famous enterprises from abroad. It only assisted and advised them whenever required.

Aid To Bengal Refugees

BOMBAY, Tuesday. The District Congress has decided to extend its help to Bengal Refugees and for that purpose has started house to house collection of clothes in each Taluka. The Taluka Congress has also made arrangements to receive clothes at a particular place in its Taluka. The first instalment of two bales of clothes have been sent today to the Chief Secretary, West Bengal Government, Calcutta.

St. John Ambulance Association

GOVERNOR'S PRAISE FOR WORK

BOMBAY, Tuesday. His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Raja Maharaj Singh, praised the work of the Bombay State Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association at its annual general meeting today. He was glad that the Association had extended its activities to fresh fields and expressed confidence in the office-bearers of the Association and those connected with its work would continue to rise to the heights of the new opportunities and added responsibilities that lay before them.

The following is the text of His Excellency's speech:

"I should like, first of all, to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Jamshedji Duggan, whom I have nominated as Chairman in succession to Colonel Bhandari who, of his own accord, asked to be relieved of his office on account of his impending retirement from the service of Government. It was with regard that I accepted Colonel Bhandari's resignation and I wish to place on record my appreciation of the good service which he rendered to the Association through his experience and enthusiasm. Dr. Jamshedji Duggan needs no introduction either to you or to the work and responsibilities which he has so readily undertaken in response to the call of public duty. His ability and his guidance have already been proved in many fields. For eight years, he held the important post of Chairman of the Indian Red Cross Society in Bombay, and throughout the period of the last war was Chairman of the Joint War Committee of the Bombay Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Associations. I am confident, therefore, that you will agree that the direction of the activities of the St. John Ambulance Association will be in tried and trusted hands.

FIRST AID

"You will have had the opportunity, as I have had, of studying the annual report for 1949. Looking to the activities that revealed no one can fail to be struck by the degree of success that has been achieved. I am glad to find that the number of members has increased and that the Association has extended its activities to fresh fields. For example, I find the introduction of a scheme for a circulating library and the organisation of First Aid classes at aerodromes and in the camps of displaced persons in the State of Bombay. I also note that 135 classes were held in the City of Bombay in the districts to impart instruction in First Aid to Nurses, Sing, Hygiene and Sanitation, Domestic Hygiene and Mothercraft and the Mackenzie School course and that of a total of 3,285 persons who attended these courses no less than 2,659 were recipients of certificates and other awards. I congratulate you on these accomplishments.

"At the same time I was somewhat disappointed to find that, except in one or two instances, the number of successful candidates in the individual courses is less than in 1948. I cannot too strongly stress the importance of which attach to the necessity not only of sustained effort, but also of continuous development and expansion. In particular, I should like to focus attention on the need for increasing interest in First Aid and Home Nursing and for expanding the activities of the Association in promoting the welfare of the women and children. Let me say at once that I am deeply appreciative of all that you have done and the admirable manner in which you have performed your voluntary duties, but we must not slacken effort and I know that I shall not call in vain upon your best service of which each one is capable in stimulating the work of the venerable organization of St. John.

"In the passing away of Lt.-Colonel N. S. Nalwa, officiating Secretary-General, St. John Ambulance Association, I feel the loss of a valued colleague. They have been their best in the service of St. John. We salute their memory and to their bereaved relatives we offer our sincere condolences.

His Excellency nominated the following to be presidents of the Association for the year: Shri Ekikahai Fremchand, Shri Suleman Gassum Mitha, Shri Ness Wadia, Sir Cowasjee Jehangir, Bart., Shri V. N. Chandra-varkar, Shri B.N. Karanjia, Shri Sul-tan Chinooy Dr. (Shrimati) Meherbai T. Toddwalla, Dr. A. K. Turner, Shri Channilal B. Mehta and Dr. Jamshedji Duggan.

Kisans Respond Well

BOMBAY, Tuesday. The response from the agriculturists to Government's procurement drive has been very satisfactory, more than four lakhs tons of foodgrains having been realised so far. Against their target figure of six lakhs tons for the current season, stated Mr. Din-karao Desai, Bombay's Food Minister, in an interview this morning.

Mr. R. K. Patil, Member of the Planning Commission, who arrived in the city yesterday had discussions with Mr. M. F. Patil, Minister for Agriculture, when he is reported to have discussed the general crop situation in the State.

ANDHRA ISSUE: The Standing Council of Visalandhra Maha Sabha will meet at Vijayawada on 25th and 26th April, to discuss the Andhra Province question and the political situation obtaining in Madras State.

Race-Horse Owner Adjudged Insolvent

BOMBAY, Tuesday. Osman Chhotani, the well-known race-horse owner of Bombay was adjudged insolvent by Mr. Justice Bhagwati at the Bombay High Court. His Lordship, however, directed the Official Assignee not to act upon the Order till Wednesday in order to enable the insolvent to seek relief from the Appeal Court.

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IMPERIAL
3-30, 6-30, 9-30, Sun. 12-30. Booking 10 to 12 & 2 to 6.

BROADWAY
3-30, 6-30, 9-30, Sat., Sun. 12-30. Ad. Booking 4 to 6.

PALACE
3, 6-15, 9-30, Sat., Sun. 11-45. Booking 10 to 12 & 2 to 8.

RIVOLI
11-45, 3, 6-15, 9-30. Ad. Booking 10 to 12 & 4 to 8. A JAYSINH Release

BEST FAMILY FARE! JAGAT Pictures

GAUNA
USHA KIRAN, ANOOP KUMAR, KESRI & WASTI

SUPER
3-30, 6-30, 9-30, Sun. 12-30. Booking 9-30 to 11-30 & 5-30 to 7. A MAHENDRA P. Release.

INDIAN NATIONAL THEATRES

MEERABAI
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On 23, 25, 26 & 28th April At 6-30 p.m.

BHARTIYA VIDYA BHAVAN
Ad. Bkg. at Bhavan: 8 to 11, 4 to 8.

LUSITANIANS FORCE PUNJAB POLICE TO ANOTHER DRAW

Cathedral High School Boxing

HIGH STANDARD MAINTAINED

BOMBAY, Tuesday. The schoolboys of Cathedral High School showed extra ordinary pluck in the fistie field when in each one of the fights in the penultimate round of their annual boxing tournament went the long way.

The finals will be decided tomorrow Wednesday evening.

The following were the results:

JUNIORS
FLYWEIGHT: N. M. Shenoy (Palmer) beat B. Abraham (Wilson) on points.

A. Chai (Savage) beat A. Hyam (Palmer) on points.

BANTAM: J. Jameson (Savage) beat D. Chaitani (Barham) on points.

S. Patel (Wilson) beat C. Jivanjee (Wilson) on points.

HEAVYWEIGHT: H. Noorani (Savage) beat A. J. Shenoy (Palmer) on points.

LIGHTWEIGHT: R. Shah (Palmer) beat K. Jagtiani (Palmer) on points.

M. Kail (Barham) beat R. Shroff (Palmer) on points.

HEAVYWEIGHT: G. Pundole (Barham) beat S. Jivanjee (Wilson) on points.

SENIORS
BANTAMWEIGHT: R. Ahuja (Wilson) beat A. Choonawalla (Palmer) on points.

FEATHERWEIGHT: A. Moolgaokar (Palmer) beat M. Ramchandani (Wilson) on points.

G. Thomas (Palmer) beat G. Thomas (Palmer) on points.

LIGHTWEIGHT: O. Degan (Palmer) beat M. Lalaka (Palmer) on points.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: D. McKenzie (Wilson) beat F. Hussein (Savage) on points.

SPECIAL FIGHTS
JUNIORS
T. Phillips (Savage) beat D. Howard (Wilson) on points.

A. Gordon (Barham) on points.

SENIORS
L. Wilkinson (Palmer) beat O. Noorani (Savage) on points.

K. Almeida (Barham) M. Rowe (Wilson) on points.

INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TOUR

Elaborate Programme Chalked Up

NAGPUR, April 18. The All-India women's hockey team to tour England this year will return to London on March 19, Miss A. J. Cama, Honorary Secretary of the Association, announced today.

The programme, as suggested by the All-England Women's Hockey Association, includes the Indian team's visits to places in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland extending over two weeks. It will also take part in the Easter Festival and play the international match in London on May 5.

Miss Cama said that the team had received an invitation from Holland as well, but no decision had yet been taken on it.

Contract Bridge Tourney At Matunga

BOMBAY, Tuesday. An Open Contract Bridge Tournament, sponsored by the Indian Gymkhana (Matunga), will be held from 29th April, and will be played at the premises of the Gymkhana. Entries for the tournament close on the 23rd April and can be sent to the Secretary.

World Record Beaten

MOSCOW, April 18. (PTI-Reuters): The Soviet swimmer, Leonid Meshkov is claimed to have beaten the world one hundred metres butterfly breaststroke record in the Soviet championships with a time of one minute 6.8 seconds.

The official record has been held by Richard Hough (United States) at one minute 7.3 seconds since 1939.

CRICKET

POLO
Mahalaxmi Racecourse
4-30 P.M. Typhoons vs. Glamour Boys, followed by Chocolate Babies vs. Dare Devils.

(Rajpipla Cup Handicap Tournament).

HOCKEY
Bombay Gymkhana
5-40 P.M. Lucky Star, Belgaum vs. Hindustan Airtel, Bangalore.

(Aga Khan quarter-final).

FOOTBALL
Cooperage
4-30 P.M. G.O. S.C. vs. G.I.P. (Practice).

6-40 P.M. Tatas vs. Khandoba Vijaya (Nadkarni second round).

St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel
4-40 P.M. Ahmed Sailor vs. St. Xavier's (Fifth Division).

5-40 P.M. Panchgani Parsis vs. St. Francis Goans "B".

G.I.P. Railway Ground, Parel
4-30 P.M. G.I.P. "D" vs. World Club (Fourth Division).

BOXING
Cathedral High School
9 p.m. Finals of School Tournament.

PARSEE CYCLISTS GROUND
10-0 a.m. Robert Money vs. Bai Kabirai High School (semi-final of Giles Shield).

B.B. & C.I. Rly Ground, Cross Maidan
10-0 a.m. Wilson High School vs. Seth Anandilal Podar High School (semi-final of Giles Shield).

Bombay Champions Waste Penalty Bully

(By Our Hockey Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Tuesday. ONE hundred and thirty minutes play in the quarter final between Punjab Police, the holders of the Aga Khan and Lusitanians, Bombay's Champion side has failed to bring about a decision, but unlike the previous encounter this evening's game saw the rival teams share two goals, but Lusis were rather unlucky not to take advantage of a penalty bully chance.

The Lusitanians held the powerful Punjab attack well in hand, but they failed to improve their attack in fact, it was considerably weakened. Cajetan Braganza playing left inner was a passenger lying a complete misfit being handicapped by an injured muscle in the second period. Patrick Correa who played as centre forward was absolutely useless and did nothing of note. He was hardly in the picture. Woodcock, Louis Vaz and Peter Pereira were their usual selves.

The Punjab attack led by Balbir was in irresistible mood and it is doubtful whether there is any other defence in India that will be able to hold this powerful quintette—Kipral, Udham, Balbir, Bakshish and Sarup. The defence, of course, played their save at any cost game and succeeded in a big way.

Unlike the first meeting Punjab today pressed from the commencement and both Walter D'Souza and Amir Kumar played up splendidly in keeping their goal intact. Speed and hard hitting were Punjab's weapons to win this vital match as the winners of this game would certainly annex the Aga Khan.

Woodcock was the first to test Sat Pal and had this really powerful stroke been slightly out on the left of the goalkeeper it would have had him beaten all ends up.

Woodcock who was all over in the attack was mainly responsible for play being maintained now in the opponents half and had it not been for his being heavily marked by both D'Souza and Gurchan he would have sent home an open sitter from a free hit pass from Gama.

A golden opportunity was presented to Balbir by Udham when he dribbled his way into circle and passed to Balbir but Balbir tested Menezes with a hefty shot, saved however but to no purpose as Zello Da Silva blew up for sticks.

Woodcock was able to make his way well up near goal area and he was certainly about to outpace Trilochan and Dharman but the bulky Trilochan, save at any cost, kicked the ball away at the expense of a long corner.

The left wing was hardly in the picture but there were moments when due to the erratic Peter Pereira on the left wing they were a bit of a nuisance. That brought out at least three capital centres which could have served the Lusis purpose well but no inner forward was there to support him.

Menezes, however, was soon tested twice by Balbir and Bakshish Singh but on both occasions he clearly kicked the ball with confidence. His most spectacular save and one that caused some anxious moments came when Balbir pushed the ball feebly across into goal and nearly had Menezes beaten but he stretched himself across goal mouth and pushed the ball away with an outstretched stick.

The one minute before the interval proved momentous and absolutely gave the rival supporters a chance to equalise vent their feelings. Punjab opened their account with a penalty corner goal when Dadoo hit the boards, but straight from the bully off Woodcock sensationally put the Lusitanians on level terms with a rising scoop into goal from a goalmouth melee.

The brilliance of the Lusitanian intermediate line was brought out to its fullest in the second replay when Joe Rodrigues gave a display much more superior to that on his first appearance completely eclipsing his previous best. Amir Kumar and Gama were also responsible for an untiring effort.

Nobility in deep defence seldom achieved in a game where the opposing forwards are supremely brilliant was the only way Walter D'Souza's game could be described. He towered the defence with his strength and gave very little away.

Punjab's goal had a narrow escape midway through the second period when Peter Pereira rushed in to a miss hit by Dharman Singh and pushed to goalmouth but Woodcock was late in pushing the ball. Sat Pal got to it before him.

Lusis were now subject to some anxious moments when two corners were awarded. The short corner went dangerously across goal being deflected away by a defender at the expense of a long corner, then the long corner was luckily to no advantage on both occasions being taken by Balbir Singh.

The save at any cost game played by Punjab saved them a goal when Peter Pereira passed to Woodcock but a defender saved at the expense of a corner. The corner resulted in a penalty bully as a defender kicked the ball in goalmouth Amir Kumar took the bully with Dharman Singh and was hauled up for back sticks to unluckily spoil Lusis only chance of gaining a close victory.

The Lusis were once more subject to two very ticklish penalty corners which due to the brilliant goal keeping of Menezes was well saved. Trilochan attempting bk hits on both occasions. The first one happened to be more

VAMPIRES SHOW GOOD FORM

Rajpipla Cup Polo Tournament

BOMBAY, Tuesday. Both The Chocolate Babies and the Vampires teams won their rounds in the Rajpipla Cup Polo Handicap Tournament, this evening very comfortably.

The Chocolate Babies starting from scratch "netted" six goals and their opponents did not add to the two that they were handicapped with. For the winners, Capt. Bijay Singh scored twice, S. Uderol twice, and Hari Singh once.

In the other match, the Glamour Boys starting with five goals, failed to make any impression on the strong Vampires. The latter scored eight goals, to win by eight goals to five. The goal-scorers were Prithi Singh (4), Maharaja of Cooch Behar (3), Gwalior (1).

The following were the teams:

PUNJAB POLICE: Sat Pal; Trilochan Singh, Dharman Singh; Inderjit, Gurchan, Dadoo; Sarup, Bakshish, Balbir, Udham, Kipral.

LUSITANIANS: S. Menezes; E. D'Sa, Walter D'Souza, F. Gama, Amir Kumar, Joe Rodrigues; L. Vaz, L. Woodcock, P. Correa, C. Braganza, P. Pereira.

Umpires: Tarlok Singh and Zello Da Silva.

BEIGHTON CUP HOCKEY COMMENCES

CALCUTTA, April 18 (PTI). The following are the results of matches played in the Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament this evening:

Measurers 2, Armenian Sports Club 1.

Rajasthan 2, Armed Police Brigade (Barrackpore) 0.

The Measurers-Armenians first round match provided a fast but hard-hitting game. The winners' forwards backed by a strong half-line combined well. Withers, inside-left, who scored twice for his team exhibited perfect ball control while Berry, the right-out, sent several clever and well-timed passes. The losers had equal chances of attacking but were unlucky. S. Peters, Armenian's right-back, had practically to carry his team on his shoulders, dragging it out from many a difficult situation.

Measurers took the lead in the 12th minute of the first half, Withers finding the net from a neat pass by Lewis, outside-right. Berry, the centre, was then visited in turn and in the 21st minute C. Martin, Armenian's inside-right, equalised from a pass by Carapet, centre-forward. But this equality was short-lived for three minutes later Withers again put Measurers ahead with a rasping shot.

The second half was uneventful except for sporadic raids by both the teams and the game tended to be scrappy. There was no further scoring.

Rajasthan who also moved into the second round of the tournament, in the first half played well. The match however did not reach a high standard. On changing ends the Barrackpore team rallied well but the winners' defence parried their repeated on-attacks. The game tended to be a greater share of the play could not make any impression in the second half due to the poor finishing of their forwards.

In the fourteenth minute of the first half Dias, Rajasthan's centre-forward, found the net converting a pass by Heldt, inside-right.

The same player added to the score dashing out with a forward pass and beating Jabbar Deo, the Police keeper, after eluding three defenders.

First division Hockey League matches resulted as follows:—

Mohammedan Sporting 3, Calcutta Football Club 1.

Greer Sporting 2, Police 0.

RELEGATION STRUGGLES LOOK LIKE CONTINUING

Close Race For Premier Honours In English Football League

LONDON, April 18. (PTI-Reuters): Intense championship, promotion and relegation struggles look like continuing to the end of the football season on May 6.

Only two points cover six teams any of which can win the Football League championship, and at the other end of the first division table it is still not certain which two teams will be relegated to the second division.

Outstanding match in next Saturday's programme is that between Portsmouth defending league champions and Liverpool, who are striving to achieve "the elusive double" of winning the F. A. Cup and the League Championship in one season.

Portsmouth's late-finishing rally has carried them to the top of the league, with a point lead and a game in hand over Manchester United who have a better goal average than Sunderland and Liverpool—all level in points.

A strong defence and sharp-shooting forwards, plus ground advantages may enable Portsmouth to strengthen their grip with a win over Liverpool, whose players are beginning to show signs of cracking under the strain of their double burden.

Manchester United have a hard task away to Newcastle who, safely placed in the league, may administer a setback to the title hopes of the United whose attack has lost much of its sting.

Skilful Sunderland travel to tackle lowly placed Huddersfield who, almost free from relegation worries, will be

PREPARING FOR CHANNEL SWIM



A family from Fall River, Mass., U.S.A. will attempt to swim the English Channel late this year. The MERCER family, numbering nine members, starting with Dad (John) and going down to the youngest—6-year old CARL are busily preparing in Jacksonville, Florida. They will all participate except Carl, and mother (Mabel), who has been designated coach and trainer, as well as overseer of the culinary department. The picture shows mother MABEL MERCER, in a boat, pacing members of her family during their training. The group look to her for instruction. She keeps blankets handy, so that those who are chilled can get into the boat and warm-up. Lois and Ethel can be seen along with BOB, JOHN and DAD MERCER.

ENGLAND'S PROBLEMS NEARLY SOLVED

World Cup Soccer Team Practically Chosen

LONDON, April 18. (PTI-Reuters): England appears to have settled half the problem of the twenty-two players to go to Rio de Janeiro for the World Cup finals, with the team which beat Scotland at Hampden Park, on Saturday, and won the British soccer tournament.

The search for the remainder continues and the football league selectors, who work in close harmony with their England counterparts, have not chosen one of the victorious England team for the match against the Irish league at Belfast on April Twenty-six. The match will therefore provide the opportunity of trying out eleven more "possibles" to make the trip to Rio.

The team contains a number of new faces to representative football. The choice of Merrick in goal is rather surprising for it had been felt that Ditchburn (Tottenham) was the most likely second string to Williams (Wolverhampton) for Rio.

S. Milburn and Withers, who have been strong contenders for honours in second division football this season. Milburn impressed for England's "B" team against Holland and Withers has been a mainstay of Tottenham's promotion side.

The entire halfback line can be assessed as unexpected selections, but all three players Harvey (Gangnam) Whitaker and Musson, have been in consistent form for their clubs and are ripe in experience.

Eddie Bailey, who played brilliantly against the Scottish league and was considered unlikely to be left out of the Hampden match, has been chosen again as inside-left.

The rest of the attack, Harris, Morris, J. Milburn and Metcalf, have all been strong contenders for honours throughout the season.

TEAM: Merrick (Birmingham) Captain; S. Milburn (Cherthfield), Withers (Tottenham), Harvey (Newcastle), Whitaker (Middlesbrough), Musson (Derby), Harris (Portsmouth), Morris (Derby), J. Milburn (Newcastle), Bailey (Tottenham) and Metcalf (Huddersfield).

Reserve, Wainwright (Werton), Horthouse (Wolverhampton).

The Cup committee announced that the race would be held on the Schuykill river in September.

Under the rules, Wood could insist that the event be held on his home course at a date he would select. His acceptance of the offer to race here came as a surprise.

FIRST SUCCESS OF BEAR DANCE

SURREY, April 18: Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, the Ceylon High Commissioner in London, had a winner here today when his four-year-old bear Dance, won the April Handicap run over one mile.

Starting at 6 to 1 and ridden by Charlie Spares, Bear Dance overtook 100 to 8 chance Mount Coote, ridden by Australian "Scobie" Bressley, shortly after rounding Tattenham Corner and romped home an easy four lengths winner from Mount Coote with 11 to 2 shot Highwell another three lengths away third of 11 runners.

It was Bear Dance's first race of the season and his first success on a racecourse.

CARR TO RIDE TSAOKO

LONDON, April 18. Royal jockey Harry Carr rides Habib Ibrahim Rahimtoola's five-year-old Tsako in the City and Suburban Handicap, to be run over one mile and a quarter at Epsom tomorrow.

Twelve probable and jockeys are: Tsako (W. H. Carr), Roc Du Diable (W. Johnston), Hyperbole (A. Bressley), Iron Duke (Edgar Britt), Periscope the Third (Gordon Richards), Burnt Brown (J. Sime), Refund (Doug Smith), Witton (Eph Smith), Jacobite (W. Cox), Burnt Grass (R. Reader), Big Wig (T. Mahon) and Laverstoke (D. Greening).—PTI-Reuters.

Gussie To Wed An African Now!

ROME, April 17 (P.T.I.-Reuter)

Gussie Moran, American tennis star, arrived here by air tonight from Nice with Mr. Pat Di Cicco, vice-chairman of the African Screen Artists Federation, whom she has said she will marry soon. Miss Moran is to compete in the Italian tennis championships here.

SUSSEX COUNTY 'CRISIS' ENDS

New Committee To Be Elected

HOVE (Sussex), April 17 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Sussex county cricket "crisis" ended tonight at the largest meeting in the county over one hundred years, with a decision to elect a new committee by postal ballot and to ask the Duke of Norfolk to resume the presidency.

A caretaker committee of six vice-presidents has run the club's affairs since the Duke and the committee walked out after the annual general meeting held about three weeks ago had passed a "no confidence" vote on them as a result of the resignation of the captain, thirty-five-year-old Hugh Bartlett.

More than 1100 of the 2800 members crowded into Hove town hall for tonight's meeting and heard Sir Alan Saunders, Chairman of the "Caretakers" say that the resigning committee was "not at all bitter" and he decided to clear the decks, so that tonight's meeting could have a free run. Sir Alan said that by the postal vote the new committee should be well in being in less than a month from the presidency.

FOR BENEFIT OF BRITISH ATHLETES

Expert Medical Advice Will Be Available

LONDON, April 18. (PTI-Reuters): British athletes in future will have the expert advice and attention of medical men with a specialised knowledge of the complaints and physical requirements peculiar to athletes.

Matters of general medical policy in regard to athletics will be dealt with by a Medical Advisory Committee just appointed by the Amateur Athletic Association.

The committee comprising Sir Adolphe Abrahams, Mr. Arthur E. Porritt, Mr. Henry Stallard, Mr. Philip Wiles and Dr. A. E. J. Etheridge, will ensure the provision of specialist treatment for athletic injuries in selected cases at the request of the parent body and gradually build up throughout the country a panel of medical officers with special knowledge of athletics, who would be available locally as required.

Sir Adolphe Abrahams is the eldest of three brothers with notable athletic records, the youngest of whom is Harold, the olympic runner. Sir Adolphe was closely associated with the supervision of the training and preparation of British teams in the last six olympic games.

Arthur Porritt, a New Zealander, ran for his country in the 1924 olympic games, and was chairman of the 1948 olympic games medical committee.

Henry Stallard (Cambridge blue), was one of the outstanding athletes in the 1920's, and ran in the 1,500 metres in the 1924 olympic games in Paris. He won Amateur Athletic Association titles at 440 yards, 880 yards and one mile.

Aly Khan's Blue Fox Wins Metropolitan Handicap

EPSOM, (Surrey) April 18. Prince Aly Khan's Blue Fox won the Great Metropolitan Handicap run over two and a quarter miles here today.

Mrs. M. Glenister's Tarka was second and Lord Rosebery's Garter Knight third. Thirteen ran. Betting: Eight to 1 Blue Fox; 5 to 2 (favourite) Tarka; 8 to 1 Garter Knight.

Won by three lengths with one and a half lengths between second and third.

Runners and jockeys were identical as probabilities except that Stipe and Noble Bill did not run.—PTI-Reuters.

SAXENA IN FINAL OF DELHI Y.M.C.A. TABLE TENNIS

NEW DELHI, April 18. (PTI): In the open singles semi-final of the New Delhi Y.M.C.A. Table Tennis Tournament today B. L. Saxena of Delhi beat Thiruvengadam of Madras. Saxena lost the first game but won the rest three games straight.

Scores: 17-21, 21-16, 21-15, 21-14.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: The industrial disputes between the Jam Shri Ranjit Singh Spinning and Weaving Mills, the Narsingirji Manufacturing Company, Limited, and the Vishnu Cotton Mills, Limited, and the Laxmi Cotton Manufacturing Company, Limited, all of Solapur, and their respective employees have been referred by the Government of Bombay for decision to the Wage Board for the Cotton Textile Industry. At the same time, the dispute between the British India Steam Navigation Company, Limited, Bombay, and its workers has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Shri P. S. Bakhle.

THE LIBERAL LINE

Two points have been made by the National Liberal Federation at its Bombay session that deserve attention as revealing the state of Indian Liberalism today. The Federation regards the Delhi Agreement as violating the fundamental principles of the Indian Constitution and the secular character of the Indian Republic. The acceptance of a communal minister in the Cabinets of West Bengal and Assam and on the Commission to implement the Agreement is attacked as acceptance of the principle of communal representation. In Assam, there is already a Muslim Minister and it has not been regarded as a concession to communalism. The argument on this ground applies only to West Bengal, where in view of its proximity to Pakistan it would have been wise for the Government to have included a Muslim Minister of its own free act from the outset. It is unfortunate that the omission should have to be repaired as a result of Nehru-Liaquat discussions. We do not think that it could be said of any State Government in the Republic that its ministers are of such a high calibre that the addition of a Muslim minister or the substitution of a Muslim for any of the majority of the ministers would have brought down the general level of ability, integrity and administrative capacity of the Government; but it is correct to maintain that there is a lack of Muslims in the Congress Party to fill one or two ministerial seats. What has happened is that with Partition the political and social sections of the State population grew to be a more pressing need and Muslims were difficult to appoint as ministers because most of the Nationalist Muslim candidates lost in the elections to the communists. The Agreement has had admittedly to make a concession on this point but it has restricted the concession to the smallest area possible. It would be a mistake to extend the measure to other States before fresh elections have taken place because, if a choice is made outside the present Muslim legislators, there will be some difficulties and, if the choice is restricted to the legislators, it would mean picking a communalist, even though he may be an ex-Muslim Leaguer who has protested his change of faith. The concession in regard to West Bengal is thus the minimum that is required to meet present-day conditions, and the National Liberal Federation would have done well to remember that in the Constitution itself there are no concessions to communalism in the matter of representation which are admittedly inserted to allow them to adjust themselves to the change-over to nationalism.

The other "concession" the character of the Commission, is on a different footing. The Commission is meant to implement the Agreement. It must, therefore, be so formed as to give satisfaction to the Muslim minority and to assure them that their interests are safe. Therefore, it has to have Muslim representation on it. We are unable to follow the logic of

the Federation in protesting against something which cannot be avoided without nullifying the effect of the Commission. The Bombay meeting in this matter shown itself indifferent to the existing situation and this appears more clearly when we come to the second point of the Liberal stand, the resolution on the Mahasabha arrests. The Liberal resolution demands the reasons for these detentions. But it has not a word to say in condemnation of the communal activities of the Hindu Mahasabha which by themselves give the reason to all thinking persons. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, speaking before the Delhi talks, commented on the provocative policies of persons and organisations that incited the public. No Government, worthy the name, he said, could tolerate such activities. Despite the warning, the incitement continued. And the Government acted. We do not object to the Liberals giving expression to their doubts but in fairness to themselves they should have taken more adequate notice of the circumstances under which the Government acted. When it is remembered that in the days of political confusion between Congress and the Government, the National Liberal Federation was careful enough to pass judgment on both sides of the case, the present bias becomes more understandable.

We do not see what purpose is served by this kind of annual political performance. The Liberals by reason of their age and experience might have played a valuable part in the rebuilding of India if they shed their past prejudices and fixed their eyes firmly on the future. They could easily have become the older statesmen of this country if they had not persisted in their attitude of unwavering opposition to Congressmen. As it is, they seem to devote most of their time to furnishing excuses for reactionary elements in the country to exploit. It is strange that that body of politicians that cannot tolerate even a communal minister in West Bengal, should be so easily led into propping the communal Mahasabha. The fact of its resolution in the Agreement and on the arrests of Hindu Mahasabha leaders simply amounts to a demand for concessions within the country and greater firmness in dealing with Pakistan which is a bad thing of attitude that can only lead to complete rift between India and Pakistan. Such a development would mean sabotaging the strengthening of the secular State which Sir C. Rajagopalachari who took the Chair in the absence of Mr. T. R. Venkatarama Sastri, should have allowed his name to be associated with these resolutions. For in the past Sir C. Rajagopalachari has carried out his duty even to earn the reputation of favouring Muslim communalists against Indian Nationalism. It is things like this that make one despair of the Liberals as a political force in the conditions of Free India, appreciating the realities of the situation and making the contribution they are capable of to the political life of the country.

Invitation To Karachi

It is now practically settled that the meeting between Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at Karachi will take place in the last week of April, prior to the Pakistan Prime Minister's visit to the U.S.A. There is only a matter of adjusting the agenda to a two-day instead of a three-day session and that should not be very difficult. Though the Karachi session is a very important one its value lies largely in the fact that the Indian Prime Minister will be making his first appearance before the Pakistani public. For the work of the conference itself, it will be wholly a follow up of the discussions initiated at Delhi. There has not been time enough to consider the working of the Agreement and naturally the talks will centre on what was not talked out in the earlier meeting. In other words, it is a continuation of the Delhi Conference and we may look forward to an extension of the area of agreement and a further application of principles accepted then. The two Prime Ministers will be meeting in an atmosphere of greater friendliness between the two countries than existed at the time of the Delhi meeting. In the picturesque language of the Indian Prime Minister both countries were halted at the brink of the precipice by the Delhi Agreement, the task of the Karachi meeting is to turn both completely from the precipice. To

help them in this work, the joint meeting of the two Standing Committees of the Editors Conference of India and Pakistan, which is scheduled just prior to the Karachi talks, should contribute a great deal if it achieves results. Naturally, the fact that it has been sandwiched between the Delhi and Karachi meetings, places a heavy responsibility on the joint Editors conference.

It is from Pakistan's point of view very fortuitous that cordial relations should exist between India and Pakistan before its Prime Minister goes on his American tour. It might be possible for other spokesmen from Pakistan to indulge in fiery denunciations of India but the Prime Minister naturally will prefer a more friendly approach. A further advance on the understanding arrived at will, no doubt, enable Mr. Liaquat Ali to speak with greater authority, as representing an important Asian State, in the U.S.A. And he will have then the active cooperation of all Indians in America as well. In the past, there has been a certain coldness in the relations between Indian and Pakistan embassies which has not added to the reputation of the two States. It was to some extent natural as the U.N. machinery for the settlement of the Kashmir dispute in a spirit of peace will complete the work begun by the Delhi talks. This should be the objective of the Karachi meeting.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

The East German Communist State of Brandenburg has banned multi-coloured socks for teen-agers because they are a "symbol of American decadence." —News Item.

The Council of the National Liberal Federation of India (a) welcomed the Nehru-Liaquat agreement whereby "each Government has solemnly undertaken to ensure to the minority throughout its territory complete equality and citizenship... and (b) likes, however, to point out that by accepting the principle of communal representation in the States Cabinets concerned that India has violated the fundamental principles of the Constitution and Secular character of the Indian States.

Add (a) and (b) and the result is not something funny but the characteristic feature of dear old Indian Liberals.

Addressing a Delhi meeting, Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan condemned war as a possible solution of Indo-Pakistan disputes and said, "Anything short of interrupted peace between the two nations will be disastrous for both... We agree hundred per cent. In fact, we have always held that peace must remain uninterrupted by interludes like police action and so on and so forth."

By the way, Shri Jayaprakash Narayan is, we are afraid, fast losing caste with a distinguished contemporary of durs and must await any decision reverberating thunder to "Get out, Jayaprakash."

According to a London report Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker, the Commonwealth Relations Secretary has just finished a book which he had been writing for six years and which he calls "Restatement of Liberty."

Some of his latest speeches in Parliament should serve as a very interesting and useful appendix.

And, by the way, how about securing a Forward by Setetse Khama to Mr. Gordon-Walker's "Restatement of Liberty."

It is gratifying to note that French authorities in Indochina have responded to representations by the Indian Consulate-General in Saigon and the Central Indian Association so that Indians in Indo-China have no longer to specify in their identity cards whether they are "Hindu," "Muslim," "Christian" or "Sikh." It has been the bane of India in the past and the unique misfortune of its people that distinctions of caste and creed were added to the old methods of identification. These distinctions were utterly irrelevant too. The extent to which these distinctions were pursued is well illustrated by the instance of passports and identity cards where no nationalities of the country were ever called upon to specify their religion. But this instance also shows how, under British rule, India's rulers made it a fundamental principle of policy not only to allow religious distinctions with all their evil effects—to exist but actually to nurse and nourish them.

Anti-Red Offensive In Malaya

Britain, of course, is very serious about ridding Malaya of Communist activities. Military, naval and aerial resources have been placed at the disposal of the authorities to fight Communist "terrorism." So far the progress of the British campaign has been marked by an alternating series of claims of crushing success and admissions of increasing terrorism. The consciousness of failure has now impelled the British Government to effect a drastic change in strategy. Now Malaya has an over-riding aim and that is to bring to a new expert, General Briggs, who has been given sweeping powers to fight terrorism. The offensive has already been launched. But there is an interesting addition to the old methods and weapons. General Briggs, who proposes to work through a "war cabinet," has also "hinted at large-scale intelligence expansion" as a Kuala Lumpur report says. General Briggs has evidently realised that the campaign against "terrorism" has not made any progress so far because of the lack of adequate information about the "terrorists" and their campaign. There the new Director of Intelligence has placed his finger on the fundamental weakness of the British position. Very few people in Malaya would care to help the authorities even with information let alone active co-operation. And that is because of the fear of reprisals. The people of Malaya are apathetic towards British efforts because they do not find much in British policy that may inspire any personal interest or a sense of personal State in the struggle between British colonialism in Malaya and Communism. As they see the situation, if Communism is bad there is nothing in a planter and mine-owner dominated Malaya to appeal to them either. The people's co-operation is necessary to "save" Malaya, or any country from the "Communist menace." And that co-operation can be won only by giving an honest democratic deal to them.

Influence Of Congress Politics On Democracy

By C. L. Paliwal

PROF. K. T. Shah's resolution in the Indian Parliament suggesting State Legislatures has raised a very important question of democratic practice and procedure.

"Our country with all our boast of having had democratic institutions centuries ago, and the institution of kingship itself having had to depend on the will of the people, is certainly far behind in understanding the responsibilities that democratic freedom in a country imposes on its citizens. The culture in the past had no doubt gone deep into the masses who regarded humility, social courtesy and neighbourly love as the hallmarks of their character. But these qualities are at a discount today and we know how our baser instincts take the better of us in our public life."

CAMP FOLLOWERS OF CONGRESS

Indian National Congress which had organized our struggle for freedom under Mahatma Gandhi's leadership was our first experiment in democracy on a mass scale. This has been the triumph of our national will in the past and a reflex of our strength as well as our weakness. But this Congress, be it noted, is a product of abnormal times which assumed a mass character under the exigencies of mass struggle against foreign rule. Those of us who have been associated with this national organization for the past thirty years or so, know how this organization has had within its fold a variety of people, good, bad or indifferent, with varying intellectual standards, integrity, efficiency, sincerity etc. We have also seen how in the days of heightening prestige, this body attracted crowds from all walks of life priding themselves to be associated with it and we also know how in moments of date repression the fair-weather supporters melted away and only a class of Congressmen for various reasons of their own continued to stick to it through thick and thin.

GANDHI'S CONCEPTION

Mahatma Gandhi had on various occasions expressed his anxiety when he saw the Congress being exploited by men whose integrity and sincerity of purpose were in doubt, and in

order to keep the Congress clean of self seekers, corrupt and unscrupulous elements he tried many palliatives, viz., compulsory spinning by members, payment of annual subscription in yarn and wearing of pure Khadi etc. But even these steps failed to give the Congress the quality he wanted. In the last days of his life he was seriously discussing with Congress leaders the advisability of dissolving the Congress and create a new body in the country. His emphasis was always more on quality than on the quantity of members. On more than one occasion he had expressed that democracy did not mean mob rule. According to his conception of democracy, one man could voice the feelings and aspirations of the people in a particular country without any resort to the complicated paraphernalia of a democratic electoral setup. He knew how democratic freedom could be exploited by the crafty for their personal ends, and the Congress elections, both during his life and also after him, suffered from malpractices which reduced its democratic character to a farce.

ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY

When a non-official body like the Congress cannot afford to have its machinery controlled and its policy regulated by persons suffering from certain disabilities and weaknesses, how much more important it is to have in our Parliament and other important elected public bodies a high type of people capable of making the constructive contribution to the deliberations of these bodies. Those who believe that democracy is not a government of experts but of laymen forget that those on whom lies the responsibility of running the government in democracy have to know the requirements of laymen and feel their pulse as a matter of necessity. We must know what the layman needs, but the enlightened public opinion in a country cannot afford to entrust

to the quick responsibilities he cannot perform.

In a loose democracy where no effort has been made to educate the people in understanding their responsibilities and doors are open for the quack and the demagogue, Griesham's law freely operates and spurious coins alone find currency in the market, driving out the good and the genuine.

Real essence of democracy lies in the power of the people to change a government that does not represent their feelings and aspirations. It presupposes a capacity on the part of people to make a sensible use of that power. In England and America where democratic conventions have had fairly long periods to develop, the people, educated or uneducated, rich or poor, have acquired a certain measure of responsibility and at the election time they understand the issues before the country, various programmes of the parties in the field and their effects on them. They, therefore, do not go after personalities but weigh the programme of the candidate concerned and then make their choice.

PERSONAL INFLUENCE

In India personality plays a very important part and we know how our electorates in the past had known only two names—Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. In the names of these two, they would vote for anybody about whom they know nothing. The danger to the future efficiency of parliamentary work in our country, The Congress that had become so popular under Mahatma Gandhi's leadership is losing ground. It is torn by internecine quarrels, intrigues and jealousies, and all manner of men are trying to capture its machinery by fair means or foul. But with it are still associated the glorious names of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. These two figures are giving prestige to the Congress which it has actually forfeited in the eyes of people. It is their advice to go and up the Congress after its objective achieve complete independence had been accomplished was also in a large measure due to the deteriorating structure of the Congress. But Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Patel insist to keep this organization alive and so long as they are in it will continue to claim respectful consideration from the masses however unpleasant may be the consequences.

The responsibility, therefore, lies on country. In the shoulders of these two outstanding figures in our country, in the interest of a high order of parliamentary efficiency, they could advise the dissolution of the Congress and thus release the country of all the entanglements and antecedents, pleasant and unpleasant, born of Congressmen's conduct and their behaviour. By doing so, they could make the country a new party consisting of right minded people who could make the formation of a new party the country with a concrete programme of mass uplift possible. But this has not happened and thus Mr. Nehru's rightly apprehends that the simple ignorance of masses will once again vote for an ill-equipped barber or a potter if the local Congress adopts him with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's name linked with that Political "ward" or free India! Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru also knows all this and therefore it is up to him to decide whether to continue a body which is fast becoming a breeding ground of corruption and give prestige to it by his association with it or take a new line of departure in order to have a body beginning in democracy capable of allowing the best men in our society to guide the destinies of our people?

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MADHYABHARAT I.N.T.U.C. BRANCH

Diwakar To Inaugurate Second Plenary Session

(From Our Correspondent.)
INDORE, April 18.
Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Industries and Commerce, will inaugurate the second plenary session of the Madhyabharat branch of the I.N.T.U.C. on April 27 and 28 at Ratlam. Mr. Ramsingh Verma and Dr. Premnagar Rathor have been elected President and Chairman of the Reception Committee respectively. Mr. Diwakar is due to arrive at Indore on April 26 for this purpose. Some allied conferences and a Congress workers' meetings will also be held during the week-end at Ratlam.

PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN: The President of the Madhyabharat P.C.C. has asked Mr. H. L. Masurkar to immediately proceed to Jabhua on a fact finding mission. Jabhua and Ratlam districts, it will be recalled have been the venues of the Prohibition campaign launched by the Socialists for the last two months.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE - BEARERS: The Indore City Municipal Council at its first meeting held here on April 15, elected Mr. V. V. Sarwate and Prof. Jaldevprasad Dube as President and Vice-President respectively for the year 1950. Mr. Tarashanker Pathak has been elected as Chairman of the Standing Committee.

BONUS: The management of the Sehore (Bhopal) sugar mills has decided to distribute to its workers bonus equal to their 20 weeks salary. There are about 2,000 workers in the sugar mills.

WHEAT PRICES REDUCED: The price of wheat have been reduced under orders of the Madhyabharat Government. The consumers who used to get 24 seers of wheat for one rupee will not get 2 3/4 seers. Arrangements are also being made for milk supply and rationed foodgrain to the consumers.

OUR READERS VIEWS

Commerce Portfolio

The Cotton Trade and the Textile Industry will heavily rely on relief at the resignation of Dr. S. Mukherji, whatever his political influence, his lack of experience in the line and consequent policy of drift, uncertainty and inconsistency have been the subject of much adverse criticism from almost all the interests concerned. There can be little doubt that his policy or lack of policy has greatly worsened a situation already difficult. His policy of favouring the foreign cloth buyer at the expense of both the Indian cotton grower and the cloth consumer of fine and super-fine cloth is indeed hard to understand.

It is to be hoped that future selections for Commerce and Industry portfolios will be made with due regard to the incumbent's qualifications and previous experience rather than on political considerations only. In view of the present economic crisis and chaos it will be in the country's interests to select the most competent and disinterested being Congressmen or otherwise.

—V. M. SARAIYA.

The Humane Chancellor

The Chancellor of Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps is believed to have prepared a "wage-earners' budget" and has thus tried to help the largest number of families in United Kingdom to create an atmosphere of profound family affection and friendliness around them. Gilding up his brilliant and lucrative career as a barrister, this student of science, joined the Labour Government and as slowly but surely achieved a transformation of the aristocratic police state into a welfare state. He is one of the few statesmen who realise that there are other depressed and exploited classes besides the working man and practise strict vegetarianism in day to day life. Those who are interested in knowing more about this "ascetic" may visit Bombay "Humanitarian League, 148, Sheriff Road, Bombay 2 and read the March issue of "Vegetarian Messenger".

—I. D. DIXIT.

Office Time And Trains

The Government of India have changed the timings of their offices in Bombay from 10 a.m. to 5-30 p.m., as against the previous timing beginning at 10-30 a.m. This item of news has apparently not reached the Railway Administration in Bombay as the train timings for the suburban traffic which were previously in consonance with the old time have not been changed. It is high time that the Railway Administrations make the necessary changes in the time tables to suit the new office hours.

—G. B. JOSHI.

Lady Hardinge Medical College

All the graduates from the Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi should send a post card to me—Miss S. Ram, 49, Hanuman Road, New Delhi.
(a) giving her present qualifications
(b) Her year of passing the M.B. B.S.
(c) The number of years she has put on each of the following:
(i) Salaries medical work or private practice
(ii) Regular but free medical work
(iii) Informal medical work for family relations, friends and the servants thereof
(iv) No medical work at all.
I was on the staff of this college for 18 years and feel a registrar somewhere of such information very desirable. The old students' association of my old college in Cambridge circulate such information yearly among members.
(Miss) S. RAM.

RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES

Madhya Pradesh Records Considerable Progress

NAGPUR, April 18, (PTI): "Fair progress" has been made towards resettlement and rehabilitation of 1,25,000 displaced persons from Western Pakistan in Madhya Pradesh, according to official sources here. Ten thousand displaced families from West Punjab have spread themselves in the State since 1947-48 with financial assistance to the extent of rupees forty lakhs as urban rehabilitation loans. Of the eighty-five thousand Sindhi displaced persons, who were given relief in nine camps till October 31, 1949, seventy thousand have been dispersed over twenty-two districts towns on the first stage of their rehabilitation. All relief camps have been closed, down but four of them at Katni, Tilda and Mana (Raipur District) and Chakrabhatta (Bilaspur District) are being developed into townlets for permanent settlement of nearly fifteen thousand persons.
Relief is being continued only to about 1,500 old and infirm refugees. About two hundred unattached destitute women and children have been brought over to Nagpur, where a women's home has been opened to make them self-supporting through vocational training.

Hartal In Allahabad

(From Our Correspondent.)
ALLAHABAD, April 18.
Businessmen of Allahabad are observing a 'hartal' today to get the octroi duty replaced by the terminal tax for the purpose of improving trade and industry.
The Chairman of the Municipal Board, in a statement said there was no necessity for the 'hartal'. The matter is likely to come up before the meeting of the Board, it was stated.

Thought For The Day

Nothing in life is more wonderful than faith—the great moving force which we can neither weigh in the balance nor test in the crucible.
—SIR WILLIAM OSLER.

SETALVAD EXPLAINS SECTION 14

Habeas Corpus In Supreme Court

AT the resumed hearing of the habeas corpus petition by a Communist, A. K. Gopalan, the Attorney-General Mr. M. C. Setalvad today concluded his four-day argument in the Supreme Court with a detailed interpretation of the Preventive Detention Act particularly its controversial Section 14.

The Attorney-General, who repeatedly cited relevant portions from various judgments of the high courts of Calcutta, Patna, Allahabad and Nagpur on the identical point came to the end of his argument with a reference to the duty of the Supreme Court as defined by the American Judge Frankfurter.

As regards the duty of the Supreme Court, Mr. Setalvad subscribed to the view that it should not "set up its own interpretation against the conscientious efforts of those whose primary duty is to govern."

FAIR SAFEGUARDS
Developing his argument over the relationship between the Preventive Detention Act, which was challenged by the detenu and the various articles of the Constitution, Mr. Setalvad said that Clause four to seven of Article 22 were "fair safeguards" on the Act.

Analysing the various sections of the Preventive Detention Act, Mr. Setalvad said that the Act did not offend against the articles of the Constitution.

Clarifying the character of the Advisory Board which would be responsible for hearing representation from a detenu, Mr. Setalvad said that the Board meant the detaining authorities. The court wanted to know as to whether the examining body should be the Government or an outside body.

Continuing Mr. Setalvad dealt at length with Section 14 of the Act, which was described by Mr. Justice Patanjali Shastri as the "worst of the sections".

Section 14 prohibits a detenu to disclose the grounds of his detention or give any evidence, in a court. It further prevents a law court from hearing the grounds of detention from any public officer.

Mr. Setalvad contended that all that Section 14 prevented was the "disclosure of the substance of the grounds of detention without any previous authorisation."

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Stop Press

U.P. REBEL CONGRESSMEN

LUCKNOW, April 18 (PTI): "Rebel" members of the Congress Party in the U.P. Legislature occupied opposite benches regardless of the Congress High Command directive, when the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly recessed today after an eleven-day recess. The High Command directive to 24 of them was "to express regret to the Leader of the Congress Party and immediately return to their original seats."

PUNJAB CABINET

SIMLA, April 18 (PTI): The Punjab Cabinet is likely to be expanded in the near future, by addition of one more Minister bringing the total to seven, according to political observers here. The Speaker of the Punjab Assembly Sardar Kapur Singh is reported to have been offered ministerial post.

NEW DELHI, April 18 (PTI): The Attorney-General, Mr. M. C. Setalvad, today said that the "cumulative effect" of all the articles as regards the rights and privileges of a citizen were to be conceded.

Mr. Nambiar had not finished when the court rose for the day. Twenty-five more habeas corpus petitions have been filed in the Supreme Court since the Madras detenu's case, opened three weeks ago, it is learnt.

Indian Envoy Presents Credentials
THE HAGUE, April 18 (PTI-Reuters): Dr. Mohan Sinha Mehta, Indian Ambassador to the Netherlands, today presented credentials for the second time to Queen Juliana at Soestdijk Palace.

Dr. Mehta who arrived here last August, first presented his credentials from the Government of India within the British Commonwealth on August 15—the second anniversary of Indian Independence.

Since India became a Republic on January 26, Queen Juliana has been away a good deal and it has not been possible for Dr. Mehta to present his new credentials from the Republic of India earlier.

Dr. Mehta is probably the first Ambassador in Holland to present two sets of credentials during his term of office.

Cholera Toll In Calcutta
CALCUTTA, April 18 (PTI): Cholera took a toll of 272 lives in Calcutta last week. This is the highest cholera mortality figure in a week during the past 14 years since when vital statistics are being maintained by the Calcutta Corporation.

DR. KHARE'S PETITION
BOMBAY, April 18 (PTI)—Dr. N. B. Khare, President of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha, today filed in the Nagpur High Court a petition to the Supreme Court, challenging the validity of the order of the District Court, Delhi, extending him from Delhi as well as the Madhya Pradesh Government's restraining order of April 2.

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GOA WILL REMAIN Portuguese
BOMBAY, Tuesday. Dr. Renato Gonsalves Pereira, Chief Justice of Portuguese India, said in an interview here today that Portugal wanted to preserve "the most cordial relations with India."

Dr. Gonsalves Pereira, who arrived in Bombay from Portugal on his way to Goa, said: "The Portuguese Government wants to satisfy the legitimate political aspirations of the Goan people."

He added: "I am sure Goa will remain Portuguese for the Goan, ever since the day of Alfonso De Albuquerque—four centuries ago—has enjoyed all the rights and privileges of the citizen in Portugal."

Dr. Gonsalves Pereira, who before his appointment in India was a judge on the Colonial Council in Lisbon, leaves for Goa today to take charge of his office.

Ministerial Service Exams.
NEW DELHI, April 18 (UPI)—The Ministerial Service (Assistants) examination which the Union Public Service Commission proposed to hold in April 1950, will now be held on June 26 and 27, 1950, at Delhi and Simla. Certificates of admission will be sent to the candidates who are admitted to the examination in due course.

Congress Party Meeting
NEW DELHI, April 18 (PTI): The general meeting of the Congress Party in the Indian Parliament will be held in the Council of State hall in New Delhi at 5 p.m. on April 19.

Pakhtoons' Claim Legitimate

AFGHAN ENVOY WARNS PAKISTAN

NEW DELHI, April 18 (PTI): Sardar Najibullah Khan, Afghan Ambassador in India, in a statement today said that Afghanistan was willing to negotiate with Pakistan and settle the question of Pakhtoonistan in a spirit of reconciliation.

The Ambassador, who was referring to the reported U.K.-Pak discussions for a joint Commonwealth declaration guaranteeing Pakistan's present frontiers, added: "In guaranteeing a border based on a dead treaty when one of the two parties is not existing as before means to pronounce a verdict against the freedom of a national conscious of its legitimate right."

Stating that Afghanistan had no hostile intentions towards Pakistan and that the freedom of Pakhtoons was not incompatible with the general current of things, the Ambassador said: "We hope that all the Commonwealth nations would realise that and they will not join Karachi in her arbitrary and out of date policy, because in doing so, the attitude of Pakistan towards the freedom of Pakhtoons would be a great empire, will not be changed, but on the contrary, Afghanistan will not be able any more to dissuade the Pakhtoons from taking a very active measure for the defence of their independence."

FREEDOM MOVEMENT
"The Pakhtoon movement for independence," said the Ambassador, "is a fact based on the very spirit of the U.N. charter and all the principles of morality and justice. Its realisation is not only an answer to the legitimate claim of 7,000,000 Pakhtoon nation, but a real guarantee of peace and co-operation in this part of the world."

As we declared on several occasions, Afghanistan has not any intentions for the annexation of those territories revered from the country in the last century but here moral and for the establishment of an equitable condition to assure the peace and security of this part of the world as well as a very close friendly relationship with the her neighbour, urged upon to take a firm and clear attitude in this issue.

"We do need to say that the history of the last 60 years with all the clashes between the British forces and the Pakhtoons, proves that the continuation of the same system and policy will be, not only impossible but also against the interest of Pakistan itself."

"As foreign minister of Afghanistan declared a few days back, Afghanistan is always ready for a spirit of reconciliation to settle the future of Pakhtoonistan, as she intended always, because otherwise there is no other way to avoid the unfortunate outcome of the present policy of Karachi against the right of Pakhtoons."

U.S. Protest To Russia
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IMPORTANT POSITION
Stressing the growing importance of South-East Asia, Mr. Khurshid Lal said: "Spreading from the Middle East to the Far East, the South-East Asian region holds an important position in the field of civil air transport in the world. Some of the most important international air routes pass through this region."

"It cannot also be denied that assignment of adequate and suitable frequencies must be a pre-requisite for getting a reliable aeronautical communication service on which must depend the orderly movement of all aircraft. In considering such assignment of frequencies, we have also to keep in mind the need for meeting the requirements of ever increasing speed of movement in the air."

Called at the invitation of India, the meeting is attended by 32 delegates from eleven countries. It will review the present allocation of radio frequencies and draw up a plan to distribute them in the South-East Asia Air Navigation Region with a view to improving "speed, regulation and efficiency of the civil aviation communication service."

The present radio frequency allocations in the frequency spectrum in this region are based in the International Telecommunications Convention held at Cairo in 1938.

Bonds For Awami Detenus
LAHORE, April 18 (PTI-Reuters): Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, President of the All-Pakistan Awami Muslim League, has requested the Peer Sahib of Manki, Shariff, President of the N.W.F. Awami Muslim League to provide, in the interests of the organisation, for the execution of bonds, by the members of the Awami Muslim League, who are under detention.

Gwyer Leaves For U. K.



Sir Maurice Gwyer, who resigned from the Vice-Chancellorship of Delhi University leaves for the United Kingdom. He was seen off at the aerodrome by hundreds of students and staff of the University.

2 LAKH REFUGEES ENTER ASSAM

GAUHATI, April 18 (PTI): Over two lakh refugees are reported to have entered Assam till the middle of April following the recent disturbances in East Bengal. Most of them said to have come by train.

Relief camps have been set up in a number of places in Kamrup, Dibrugarh, Nowgong and Goalpara Districts.

About eleven and a half lakhs of rupees sanctioned for Assam by the Centre for relief and rehabilitation of the new refugees have been placed by the Deputy Commissioners in the various districts to be spent according to local needs.

Rehabilitation Officers have been appointed in Goalpara, Kamrup and Nowgong Districts. In Cachar District, relief and rehabilitation work is done directly by the Centre with the co-operation of the State authorities.

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IMPORTANT POSITION
Stressing the growing importance of South-East Asia, Mr. Khurshid Lal said: "Spreading from the Middle East to the Far East, the South-East Asian region holds an important position in the field of civil air transport in the world. Some of the most important international air routes pass through this region."

"It cannot also be denied that assignment of adequate and suitable frequencies must be a pre-requisite for getting a reliable aeronautical communication service on which must depend the orderly movement of all aircraft. In considering such assignment of frequencies, we have also to keep in mind the need for meeting the requirements of ever increasing speed of movement in the air."

Called at the invitation of India, the meeting is attended by 32 delegates from eleven countries. It will review the present allocation of radio frequencies and draw up a plan to distribute them in the South-East Asia Air Navigation Region with a view to improving "speed, regulation and efficiency of the civil aviation communication service."

The present radio frequency allocations in the frequency spectrum in this region are based in the International Telecommunications Convention held at Cairo in 1938.

Bonds For Awami Detenus
LAHORE, April 18 (PTI-Reuters): Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, President of the All-Pakistan Awami Muslim League, has requested the Peer Sahib of Manki, Shariff, President of the N.W.F. Awami Muslim League to provide, in the interests of the organisation, for the execution of bonds, by the members of the Awami Muslim League, who are under detention.

Two-Way Fight Against T. B.

U. N. DIRECTOR'S PROPOSALS

NEW DELHI, April 18 (PTI): Dr. L. B. Lauritzen, Regional Director of the United Nations International Tuberculosis Campaign in a statement prior to his departure to Bangkok today assured that the organisation set up by him and his colleagues would work well in India and get all possible help from the United Nations International Tuberculosis Campaign in the form of equipments and surgical instruments.

Dr. Lauritzen said that he and his colleagues had examined eight lakh people and vaccinated about three lakhs against tuberculosis—one of the biggest problems in the fight against diseases in India—within a period of seven months.

He added that tuberculosis must be fought both as an epidemic and a social disease. The social side of the problem was solved by supporting the families of the diseased, by improving the nutrition of the population, modernising of the hygienic conditions and better and healthier living conditions.

As far as India was concerned it meant an enormous contribution in each single field with expenditure of vast amounts of money. He said the shortage of hospital beds for treatment, and isolation of patients suffering from tuberculosis was between two and three lakhs, and added to this also came a shortage of equipment, doctors and nurses.

To provide India with these requirements must be considered as not being possible within the next decade.

KIDWAI CALLS ON MUSLIM LEADER
BOMBAY, Tuesday. Shree Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Minister for Communications, Government of India, called on Seth Huseinbhai A. Laljee, a prominent Muslim leader, tonight, at his residence at Warden Road, to enquire about his health.

Dr. D.K. Karve Felicitated
POONA, April 18 (PTI): Dr. D. K. Karve, Founder of the Indian Women's University, was felicitated here today on his 83rd birthday at a function held at the St. Mira Education Society.

Tributes to his work in the field of women's education and social work were paid by many speakers at the function.

Dr. Karve replying to the tributes said that regular habits and keen interest in life's work were the factors contributing to his longevity.

Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar, former President of the Hindu Mahasabha, was also felicitated at a meeting held by the Poona City Hindu Sabha on his 71st birthday.

GO BACK TO E. BENGAL AND CREATE CONFIDENCE
Sardar's Call To Congressmen
THE Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel today appealed to Congress leaders, who had recently come from East Bengal to go back to their former places of activities and help create confidence amongst the minorities there.

Once this was achieved, they might expect at least some of those who had left for West Bengal, to go back to their own homes in various parts of East Bengal, he said.

Sardar Patel was meeting the Congress leaders and workers of the State, including Presidents and Secretaries of the W.B.P.C.C. and different district Congress Committees in and around Calcutta at Government House this afternoon. About 200 Congressmen were present.

During his two-hour discussion with them, the Deputy Prime Minister is reported to have said that in order to implement the terms of the Indo-Pakistan Agreement it was essential that exodus of minorities from both East Bengal and West Bengal should be stopped. Unless this could be done the agreement would fail to serve its intended purposes, he added.

CONTACT REFUGEES
Sardar Patel also urged them to contact the refugees already assembled in the State in large numbers and try to persuade them to go back to their homes in East Bengal, where necessary protection, he was sure, would be guaranteed to them by the Government of that country under the agreement.

Earlier, Sardar Patel received Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu, India's Deputy High Commissioner at Dacca who also stayed with him at lunch. Mr. Basu is understood to have acquainted Sardar Patel with the latest situation in East Bengal so far as minorities were concerned.

In the morning, the Deputy Prime Minister had a long discussion with representatives of about 70 relief organisations in the city.

The Governor gave a dinner party tonight in honour of Sardar Patel. A crowded programme awaits Sardar Patel tomorrow also when he meets a number of prominent citizens, including Dr. Meghnad Saha, President of the Central Relief Association, Mrs. S. K. Sinha, of the ATWC and Dr. B. C. Guha, of the Damodar Valley Corporation.

Sardar Patel will broadcast to the people of Bengal on April 20 on the Indo-Pakistan Agreement and is scheduled to return to Delhi on April 21.

TEN LAKHS OF PEOPLE ATTEND KUMBH MELA

Over 5,000 Reported Missing

(PFI SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)
KUMBH MELA at Hardwar held this week was the most unique Kumbh Mela, ever held at Hardwar. According to previous estimates the crowd at Kumbh in 1938 was only 5 lakhs while this year it exceeded 10 lakhs. Such large crowds made this mela centre of great activity of every sort, social, educational, criminal. Here are some of the highlights of these facts of Kumbh fair.

Hardwar this week was perhaps the largest rendezvous of criminal elements in the province. Detection staff of Hindustan Scouts Association arrested a proclaimed absconder while pick-pocketing a pilgrim. Another catch was a police constable who was seen stealing three shawls, of pilgrims who were bathing in Ganga.

Next celebrity was a Panda of Hardwar, who is a member of Ganga Sabha. He was arrested for having stolen four goats from pilgrims.

Gangs of ladies were arrested reaching while pick-pocketing and stealing belongings of others. Sadhus and small boys in the garb of beggars were also handed over to police. Other things like necklaces and earrings were pulled up by miscreants causing even serious injuries to ears and hands while ladies were either bathing or moving in the crowd.

5,000 MISSING
Five thousand people had to be announced as missing from one loud speaker system alone in this fair. Nobody knows how many of them ever joined their companions. Five thousand clothes and nearly two thousand shoes are still lying unclaimed in Hindustan Scout Association office and at Har Ki Pauri. Mr. P. L. Churamani, Scout Commissioner, U. P., informed me that it has taken a full day for them to deliver them to the rightful owners. These belongings included baggages and even cash.

Apart from those unfortunate victims of stampede who died then and there were four hundred persons who were treated for injuries caused while bathing or attempting to bathe, according to Dr. T. C. Basu Chowdhry, Camp Director of St. John's Ambulance social service squad. Eleven persons were saved from drowning while reports of two deaths have been received. Although there was no large-scale epidemic thanks to policy of compulsory inoculation, about eight hundred cases a day were treated by St. John's Ambulance Camp. These included besides cases of suffocation, fainting, cases of diarrhoea, dysentery and vomiting.

SADHUS PROCESSION
Main attraction of Kumbh fair was the procession of Sadhus. Seven akharas each several thousand strong paraded the streets. There was a procession of Bara Udasin Akhara which had hired nine up Roadways taxis besides the general Sadhu Akhara. Udasin akhara replied by hiring a full bus to accommodate some of its Sadhus, Juna Akhara true to its name had an old Rolls Royce too.

Bara Udasin and Nirman Akharas displayed their gold and silver ornaments, carpets and good howdas on elephants while Juna Akhara's characteristic was made sadhus. But one thing was important. It was said that as cult of nakedness is on decline, some Sadhus generally wore silver clothes were asked to appear naked on that day for some consideration. Naturally they had not the same indifference towards their self.

Bairagis were the most undisciplined but the most numerous lot and they had no pretensions to greatness. With armed pickets round them, chintias in hand they cried and raved and ran helter skelter. They had on one hand a jeep to accompany and on other hands a tonga also.

It need not be said that every Akhara had a large number of elephants, horses, palaks, etc., for carrying their deities and mahants. A procession also carried loud-speaker and recited records from Ramayan.

Few sanyasins also accompanied this procession while an educated lady in group of sanyasins attracted much attention and earned quite a name for their divine powers.

USE OF TOWERS
A significant feature of this Mela was the use of towers. There was a central Control station over a 60 feet high tower which overlooked entire Har Ki Pauri area. Another 60 feet high tower was on Fort Island which controlled the four areas and maintained liaison with other centres. Officers on duty at these towers and in Central Control Room had to do a strenuous duty during day and night.

Next to control the great rush of work fell on police, volunteer organisation and health services. To control 12 lakh of people in narrow lanes and any lack of foresight would have caused great tragedies.

In this a contrast was provided by Post and Telegraph department services. The Telegraph department had to carry on a load of nearly 30 thousand words every day and delivery of about five hundred messages at least per day. Yet there was no delay and complaint at all. There was a common canteen managed by staff itself which gave a family touch to people. On Kumbh day the post office had to despatch 19,000 letters and 12,500 delivered. On the other day this number was about 10,000. The subsequent day the number of telegrams orders on an average and 100 telegraphic money orders had to be delivered daily.

Such was the rush that all vehicular traffic had to be stopped and one day when I wanted to visit from Bhopatwala mohalla to Nayaapur I had to rush seven miles to take train at Railways and came back to Hardwar.

International Conference Of Social Work
MADRAS, April 18 (PTI): The International Conference of Social Work has accepted the invitation of Madras to hold its session in Madras in December 1952, it was announced here today at the general meeting of the Guild of Service.

Future Of Arab Palestine

TO BE INCORPORATED INTO JORDAN

LONDON, April 18 (PTI-Reuters):—King Abdullah of Jordan will announce the formal incorporation of Arab Palestine into the kingdom of Jordan next Monday at the opening session of the newly elected Jordanian Parliament in Amman, it was learned from a usually reliable source today.

This move has been generally expected since the Jordan election a week ago in which 20 of the 40 deputies represented districts of Arab Palestine now occupied by the Jordan Arab Legion.

The formal announcement is expected to be made when these deputies take their seats in the new Parliament.

In diplomatic quarters here it was thought that though Britain had not been formally consulted about King Abdullah's move, it would have the general support of the British Government.

But other members of the Arab League upheld the claims of the "Gaza Government" supported by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Hussein, at present in exile in Egypt, to create and govern a separate Arab State in Arab Palestine.

TOTAL SEATS IN PARLIAMENT

(Continued from Page 1)
Kashmir was that "it is part of the territory of India". The application of other articles was dependent upon the President who might in consultation with the representatives of Kashmir apply rest of the articles with such modifications as he might determine.

The President had modified Article 81 providing for representation of the State in Parliament. He nominated representatives of Kashmir in Parliament in consultation with the Prime Minister of Kashmir. That being so there was really no room for Parliament to make any provision in regard to their representation in the Central Legislature.

STATE ASSEMBLIES
Dealing with the question of fixing of the total seats of State Legislative Assemblies, Dr. Ambedkar said that the provisions of the bill must conform to Article 170 of the Constitution which stated that there should be one seat for every 75,000 people, and that the strength of the House should not exceed 500 and should not be less than 60.

In framing the schedule, the basis of one seat for 100,000 people had been adopted. The other principle was that the total number of seats fixed for each State Assembly was to be an integral part of the State's quota in Parliament.

RESIDENT

REDS INVADE HAINAN

Chiang's Forces Hit Back

HONG KONG, April 18 (PTI-Reuters): General Chiang Kai-Shek's Chinese Nationalists claimed to have smashed an invasion by Communist Government troops of Hainan Island off the extreme south coast of China.

claimed that powerful elements of General Lin Piao's Fourth Field Army were "extending in width and depth beachheads won in yesterday's landings on the island—one of the last Nationalist strongholds."

Pending confirmation, Hong Kong military observers were inclined to accept the version of the Communists, who in the past had rarely made unsubstantiated military claims.

A Nationalist communiqué admitted that 6,000 Communists land and pushed some distance inland.

Nationalist counter-attacks were claimed to have killed 4,000, captured 600 and surrounded the remainder. The communiqué said the survivors had been given until this afternoon to surrender or they would be "annihilated."

No reinforcements were apparently forthcoming for the Communists who were reported to have lost 200 tanks.

U. S. Policy In Asia

ACHESON OUTLINES THREE PRINCIPLES

LONDON, (By Radio). It is a long time since the "Policy for Asia" as revealed by the American Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, the "Economist" (April 15) says: "The policy is based upon three principles of which the first determines the rest. It is quite simply that a vast revolution is in progress among the peoples of Asia who aim to secure national independence and economic and social advance."

"Both these aims are entirely consistent with the designs of American policy and both, in their genuine forms, can count upon American interest and support. Mr. Acheson clearly does not shrink the more radical aspects of this revolution. He supports the Asian people not only in their desire for independence but also in more controversial aims such as better education and more widespread ownership of land."

"To these general principles there is one exception. The Chinese revolution has been sidetracked by the Communists into the blind alley of Soviet domination. The American aim is, therefore, modified. Recognition and trade must depend upon regimes accepting certain minimum standards of international behaviour. The Secretary of State would be ready, no doubt, to accept the representative of Communist China in the United Nations—here Mr. Dulles agrees with him but only if the Chinese attempt no adventures in South-East Asia and if they are ready to trade on the basis of mutual respect."

"With this one exception," continues the "Economist," "the United States supports the new Asian States wholeheartedly in their desire for independence. The two remaining principles of American policy cover the methods by which American support and sympathy can become practically effective. First, the United States will be ready to adapt its assistance to accord most fully with local needs."

The "Economist" sees this as a short-term principle, "to revive confidence and hope by injecting into the Asian situation the immediate help needed to stay internal disintegration or hold back Communist infiltration."

Concluding, the "Economist" says: "This, then, is the ground plan of American policy for Asia upon which a bipartisan edifice may now be built. Since it is barely issued—certainly not fully armed—from Mr. Acheson's brain, it is perhaps too early to judge its likely success. Yet a bipartisan policy for Asia sets the pattern not only for the United States but for the rest of the free nations. They in turn must consider the new lead that they are being given and assess its strength and weakness."

Martial Law Goes In Egypt

CAIRO, April 18. (PTI-Reuters): The Egyptian Senate last night approved in principle the abolition of martial law throughout Egypt except the Sinai peninsula and the Canal zone.

Martial law was imposed in Egypt on May 15, 1948 when the Egyptian army entered Palestine. It would not be lifted, it was stated, "until the Palestine question is solved."

Earlier yesterday, the Minister of War and Marine, Mustapha Nosrat Pasha, said in Parliament in answer to a question, "British forces now stationed near the Suez Canal have not departed from the lines under taken by the British Government."

HEALTH REPORT: There was an appreciable fall in the incidence of small-pox in the State of Bombay, during the week ended April 8 last, figures for the week being 321 cases and 6 deaths as against 531-101 reported in the previous week and 726-144 revised. Anti-small pox measures have been intensified in the affected areas by augmenting the vaccination staff. During the same week, cholera was responsible for two deaths and plague six.

U. S. Army Manoeuvres In Europe

LONDON, April 18 (UPI)—The U.S. Army in Europe has just finished its Spring manoeuvres, using the Russian Field Manual in its studies of sudden aggressive tactics. It is reliably learnt.

At a Conference afterwards, U.S. Field Commanders are reported to have been blamed for being caught by "massed artillery fire—the enemy's cardinal principle in ground warfare."

The Defence of the Rhine and withdrawal from the Elbe are expected to be the future setting of U.S. Army manoeuvres.

3 Applicants To UNESCC

ROME, April 18 (PTI-Reuters): Dr. Jamie Torres Bodel, Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, announced here yesterday that Jordan, Indonesia and Korea had applied for membership of the organisation.

He said their applications would be considered at U.N.E.S.C.O.'s next general assembly, to be held in Florence from May 22 to June 17.

GESTURE OF WORLD FRIENDSHIP

Our Elephant Envoys

WASHINGTON, April 18. (PTI-Reuters): The greeting given to Ashok and Shanti, gift elephants from Pandit Nehru, "was a gesture of international friendship which India and the world at large will understand," "The Evening Star" said in an editorial yesterday.

Ashok and Shanti were welcomed at Washington Zoo by a crowd estimated at 70,000.

"Formal acceptance of them was an event on Saturday, but the community of Washington staged its own welcome, and nobody who attended will ever forget the occasion," "The Star" said.

Reds Forging Ahead In Hainan

HONG KONG, April 18 (PTI-Reuters): Pro-Communist sources claim today that powerful elements of General Lin Piao's fourth field army are extending in width and depth beachheads won in yesterday's invasion of Nationalist-held Hainan Island.

The Nationalists continue to assert that the invasion has been repulsed. Pending confirmation, military observers in Hong Kong were inclined to accept the version of the Communists who rarely in the past have made unsubstantiated military claims.

The East German Communist state of Brandenburg has banned multi-colored socks for teachers because they are a "symbol of American decadence."

Shanti And Ashok Hit U. S. Press Headlines

WASHINGTON, April 18. FRONT-PAGE coverage which American newspapers have given to the two baby Indian elephants whose new owners are the children of America has rivalled anything that expert Hollywood press agents have done for their aspiring movie clients.

Usually movie stars who make the front pages are most co-operative with news photographers. They shift their pose, smile wide, and obey all requests most willingly.

Never were any two celebrities so unimpaired of fame, so unneeded of the imploring pleas of "one more picture please" from batteries of cameramen as the two young elephants. They simply look up with an amused air and then turn earthward again for another tug of American grass, which they are learning to like quite well. Yet their talent for looking "posed" merely adds to the popularity of their pictures. Mahout Babajan, who travelled with them Mysore, is wondering now if so much attention will make them temperamental.

When Americans are asked why they are interested in the elephants, they imply without saying so that the answer is obvious. They love children, they love animals, and so what, they ask, is more understandable than their interest in these charming baby elephants. Their reaction is spontaneous.

Since American newspapers are in a competitive field and street sales go to the paper with interesting news, it is quite natural that reader interest determines news coverage. They want to give the readers what they want. Right now the two babies named Shanti and Ashok.

Although diplomats from abroad arriving in America are interviewed and photographed, reader interest does not demand such intimate details as how much they like their new home will be eat, and what their new home will be like. Much less is their awaited with the surge of excitement surrounding these baby elephants, whose voyage from Mysore has been dutifully reported in all United States newspapers across the country.

Visitors watching America's reaction to two small elephants and a gesture of friendship from a friendly country comment that it shows the simple human side of American life, a side not always understood by the outside world. For Americans, like people everywhere who have the opportunity, flock to zoos and parks in nice weather, put their children on swings and merry-go-rounds and then sit watching them "have fun."

That, then, accounts for the estimated 70,000 persons who have visited Shanti and Ashok since their arrival at the Washington zoo late Saturday afternoon. That accounts also for the evening. That accounts for the crowded streets and buses, the filled automobiles surrounding Sunday's presentation ceremonies.

The theme of the American press last week-end, therefore, was "all eyes towards Washington." Large metropolitan dailies like the "New York Times," the "Baltimore Sun," the "Washington Evening Star" and the "Washington Post" have kept readers well posted through lengthy stories and daily photo coverage. The "Star," on its front page, carried a photograph of mahout Babajan leading young Ashok from the truck which carried him and Shanti from the portside in New York. The "Washington Post" pictured Mrs. Chandrasekhara Mehta, daughter of Indian Ambassador Mrs. Pandit, greeting Ashok shortly after his arrival at his new home, in the Washington zoo. Trunk uplifted, mouth open in a seeming grin, young Ashok is waiting for his first piece of American sugar, which Mrs. Mehta is

U.S., RUSSIA DEVELOP 'NERVE GAS'

DETROIT, April 18 (PTI-Reuters). A "NERVE GAS" that would sap an enemy's will to fight is being developed by the United States, and probably by the Soviet Union as well, General Antony C. MacAuliffe, Chief of the United States Army Chemical Corps, disclosed here.

"Major German scientific experts on toxic chemical warfare are being exploited by Soviet Russia. It must be assumed, therefore, that we are not the sole possessors of the offensive and defensive secrets of the new nerve gas," he told the American Chemical Society.

General MacAuliffe believed the United States would never take the ways and means of using gas, germ or radiological warfare and would use such weapons only for the purposes of retaliation if attacked.

Indo-Pakistan Editors Must Meet

QUETTA, April 18 (UPI): The suggestions put forward by Mr. Rashid, President of the P.N.E.C., that newspaper editors of India and Pakistan should hold a joint meeting to devise ways and means of helping in the implementation of the Indo-Pakistan minorities pact has been warmly welcomed by the Baluchistan Union of Journalists.

The union assured the P.N.E.C. chief of its full co-operation.

It Was A Bomb That Did It

LONDON, April 18 (PTI-Reuters): British Home Office explosive experts have decided that the damage done to the Paris-bound British European Airways Viking plane last Thursday was caused by a bomb. The bomb was planted in a used towels box in the small washroom at the rear of the plane.

Flying Saucer Puzzle Solved

LONDON, April 18. (UPI): "Flying saucers" are no mystery to Mr. George T. Richards, 67-year-old lecturer at the South Kensington Museum.

He built one 36 years ago, and a model of it will be on view at the Museum next month.

For four years he worked on it with Mr. Frederick Lee in an attempt to perfect a fool-proof circular plane which would not stall or spin.

His plane, which Sir Archibald Sinclair helped to finance, flew at 85 M.P.H., landed at 30 M.P.H. it was flown 11,000 miles before war came.

When Mr. Richards went into the R.N.V.R. it was broken up for scrap.

GENERAL STRIKE IN FRENCH PORT

Sequel To Clashes And Arrest Of Leaders

ANGRY French Communists, with two of their Deputies arrested, threw a challenge to the "direct action" by workers after serious clashes with police in Paris and Brest.

In Brest, the Atlantic port, a twenty-four-hour general strike was declared by both Communist and non-Communist trade union workers. Here one demonstrator was killed yesterday in a clash. Ten others were taken to hospital and 20 Republican security guards sustained serious injuries.

In Paris, baton-wielding police stormed barricades under a hail of stones and refuse to smash workers' attempt to seize a suburban factory of the nationalised Sencma aircraft works.

At a meeting of 300 of the 3,200 men locked out at the Sencma works a Communist factory leader cried, "We must recapture our factory. Everybody must be at the factory tomorrow morning."

The Communist evening paper Ce Soir in an editorial on the riots called "All the sons of France" to "action."

NEW FACTS: Ministry of Interior officials were inclined to believe that the scenes in Paris and Brest reflected the new line of tactics decided by the French Communist Party at their recent Congress when leaders were called for "more action and less party bureaucracy."

At the same time, observers here saw the Government taking a stronger line with Communists.

The arrest and holding in custody of two deputies at Brest without first asking Parliament to waive their Parliamentary immunity is the first case of its kind since the end of the war.

Parliamentary immunity does not apply when a Deputy is caught in the act of violating the law, but hitherto successive Governments have refrained from exercising their powers in this respect.

The clash at Brest followed a meeting organised by local trade unions to

Russia Is Waging War On Economic Front

PAUL HOFFMAN CALLS ON U. S. TO FACE FACT

CHICAGO, April 18 (PTI-Reuters).

MR. PAUL C. HOFFMAN, Marshall Plan Administrator, said today the real battle for world conquest was being carried on by Russia on the economic and information fronts.

In a speech to the Convention of National Association of Broadcasters here, he declared that it was becoming increasingly clear, that the Russian "dictators" hoped to take over the free countries without resorting to a shooting war.

The plain hard fact that must be faced, he said, was that we are free in the middle of the most titanic struggle the world has ever known.

Reviewing what he called the "Russian method," Mr. Hoffman said there was a "hard core of trained Communists in every country who would stop at nothing to achieve its purposes on the economic and information fronts."

"On the information front, we are out-manned and out-gunned fifty to one," he said. "In France alone the Communists have spent about fifteen million dollars a year for anti-Marshall plan propaganda."

He said the United States reply to the Russian methods in the cold war was to provide—on the economic front—food to relieve hunger and tools to make work possible.

"We are fighting a war and not just on battle," Mr. Hoffman said. "Not for one split second can we afford to relax. Rather, with the knowledge and experience we have gained, we must go forward in winning further battles until this cold war in Europe has been decided in our favour."

On the information front, the "lying propaganda" had been fought with truth so that every European would know that recovery and freedom were inseparable he said adding that forty millions of Western Europe's hundred million radio listeners heard Marshall Plan broadcasts regularly.

Diamonds For Dollars Only

JOHANNESBURG, April 18 (PTI-Reuters): A new South African measure to tighten up the export of diamonds to non-dollar buyers was forecast here by the chairman of the South African Diamond Cutters Association.

He said a Government regulation would be introduced whereby shipments of polished diamonds to approved sterling area countries would only be made if a corresponding amount of diamonds was shipped to hard currency areas.

13 Collapse Victims Ar Still Missing

TEL AVIV, April 18. (PTI-Reuters): Thirteen people were still missing today after a twenty-four hour search through the debris of a four-storey Jaffa house which collapsed Sunday night "like a pack of cards."

There was little hope of saving them, officials said. The bodies already have been found in the wreckage and twelve injured are in hospital.

TROOPS LAND IN SOUTH CELEBES

Action Against Rebels

The reports said that about 300 troops landed at Djenepon, 75 miles south of Macassar late yesterday. Others are said to have come ashore about fifteen miles further north, at Karama.

Canada's All-Out Hunt For Atomic Stuff

OTTAWA, April 18 (PTI-Reuters): Canada's major source of atomic raw materials, is taking new steps to encourage the search for radio-active ores.

Trade Minister Clarence Howe, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government would pay bonus for higher-than-average grade ore. The formula, details of which will be announced shortly, also allowed the Government in special circumstances to buy ores which were below minimum grade.

Mr. V. K. R. V. Rao

LAKE SUCCESS, April 18 (PTI-Reuters): Mr. V. K. R. V. Rao of India was re-elected Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Economic Development, yesterday.

This seven-nation body is a subsidiary of the Economic and Social Council, whose members sit as individual experts.

Their task is to formulate practical plans for financing economic development in under-developed countries.

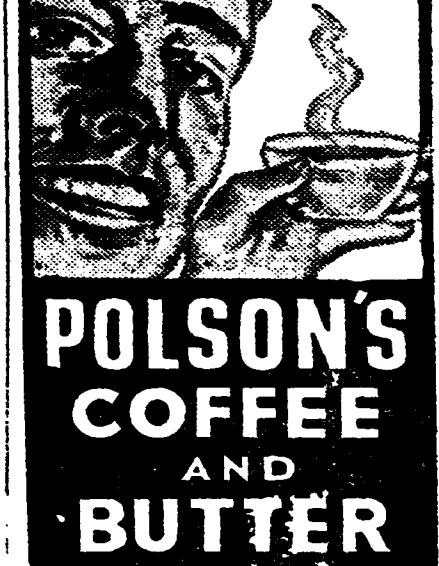
HOUSEWIVES JOIN FRAY

Between 400 and 500 workers were engaged in the clash with police at the Sencma works, at Gentilly. Communist Deputy Andre Marty was "in the neighbourhood" when the clash occurred but was not himself on the scene, it was reported.

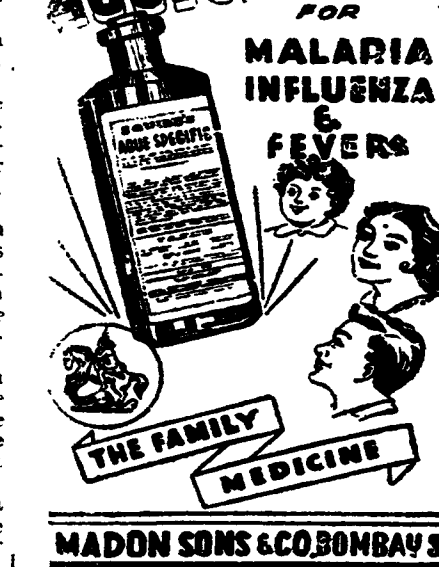
Angry housewives cascaded litter from top windows on police holding back workers. Police have occupied the factory since all employees were dismissed after riots on Saturday.

Three demonstrators and several police were injured yesterday.

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S. INDIA MOURNS THE DEATH OF SRI RAMANA MAHARSHI

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

ONE of the brightest stars on the firmament of South India died at the age of 71. The Maharshi was ailing for a long time from what was operated three or four times. But the infection continued to spread and he died peacefully after a long and painful illness.

Ramana Maharshi had become an outstanding institution in South India for the last thirty or forty years. The Ramana Ashram, which is situated at the foot of the Thiruvannamalai hills, and built near the cemetery of the Maharshi's mother, who died in 1910, has ever since then remained his abode.

The Maharshi's life took an important turn when as Venkataraman, as he was being called at that time, he one day felt an urge to contemplate the deep significance of human life. He went into samadhi and emerged from it having found an answer to that question of questions: "Who am I?" He was only 17 years old at that time, but he left home literally ran away from it, and after undergoing some severe penance for a number of months in the local temple, during which his body was eaten into by ants and other vermin, and blood was oozing from the wounds, he emerged as an enlightened individual. Since then he lived the life of one who while being in the world was out of it. He did not go about in search of disciples, but one Mr. K. Ganapathi Sastri, who had watched the Maharshi carrying on tapas in Thiruvannamalai realised the significance of his sadhana and proclaimed it to the world as the work of a great saint. Nor did he make any effort to preach any doctrine of his. Nevertheless disciples and devotees gathered round him in large numbers and his spiritual experience reached the ears of certain kindred souls in other continents also. It was one Paul Brunton, an American journalist, who visited the Ashram and wrote his book on "The Saint of Arunachala", and they became the vehicle for proclaiming the Maharshi's greatness to the world.

The Ramana Ashram, where the saint lived and carried on his work, is a very well-organised and efficiently managed institution. It has in recent years become the place of pilgrimage to a large number of Maharshi's disciples from all over the country and even from other countries. Ramana Maharshi or Bhagavan, as he is called by his ardent disciples, did not do anything to preach a doctrine or found a cult of his own. But his utterances in the course of his conversations with some of his disciples, which are preserved in print, reveal a deep spiritual insight, a clear perception of the problem of life and death and a profound understanding of human nature. For some years his "nirvana", the Maharshi was observing almost complete silence and rarely spoke to anyone. But there came to be a powerful influence emanating from him, which served to resolve most of the doubts and questionings, which those who visited the Ashram for his darshan carried with them into his presence.

The passing away of the Maharshi is being mourned by a large number of his devotees in South India and elsewhere.

COMMUNIST SITUATION

The Madras Chief Minister's tour of Andhra districts, extending over nearly a fortnight, has just been completed. As I stated in my last week's news-letter, the tour was undertaken with the sole purpose of acquainting himself with the position with regard to the Communist menace in the area which has become the most difficult problem for the Government now-a-days. In the next few days, the Chief Minister is expected to visit Delhi and discuss with the Government of India authorities the measures necessary to tackle the menace in the area.

I have recently been a number of indications that the Central Government authorities are greatly exercised over the deteriorating situation in the Andhra and the Telangana areas in Hyderabad. Murders and looting of properties by armed Communist bands have become the rule and it was evident that the Communists have been able to secure an ample supply of all kinds of fire arms, including sten guns. What will be the "modus operandi" that the Centre will prescribe in consultation with the State Government to check the Communist menace, remains to be seen. But an immediate effect of the Chief Minister's tour seems to be the implementation of a scheme by which police arrangements to deal with the trouble would thereafter be more effective. The Krishna district, which is the centre of Communist activity in Andhra districts, is proposed to be bifurcated into two for police administration purposes and the two areas will be placed in charge of two different senior police officers of the rank of district superintendents of police. This administrative change is intended to promote better control over the co-ordination of the police operations against the Communists and also to ensure greater mobility of the police forces.

On the other hand the police in the disturbed areas have obviously modified their mode of action. No longer do they show any anxiety to apprehend the wanted Communist band leaders, where they challenged them to a fight and in the course of it, it is the Communists who are suffering the largest number of casualties.

The question is asked: Wherefrom the Communists able to secure the guns, ammunition and other weapons, which they are using in such deadly effect on the police and their civilian victims? It should be the duty of the Government to find it out, and plug its possible source of supply.

COMMUNAL G. O. That the Communal G. O., which governs recruitment to the services of the Madras state, should be scrapped

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

is the plea put forward by the Brahmin Sangham of Salem, in a petition to the President of the Indian Republic. The petition, which is getting wide publicity in the Madras press, prays for a Presidential declaration that "the Communal G. O. is ultra vires, illegal, and opposed to the fundamental rights guaranteed in Articles 15, 16, 19 and 29 of the Constitution" and that "no Brahmin citizen be denied admission into educational institutions or entry into the state services merely on the ground of his caste nor any such entry regulated on a communal basis." The Salem petition contends that the G. O. in question "fouts the spirit and letter of the articles of the Constitution" and "is a danger to the national growth of Bharat, as it shuts the door of employment and educational facilities to deserving Brahmin youths, besides fostering communal prejudices." The petition concludes that "to calculate the eligibles to employment and education on the basis of the numerical strength of the caste and then fix a pro rata selection is illegal, immoral and against the best interests of the state."

The Communal G. O. has been defended by official spokesmen on a number of occasions on the ground that it seeks to promote "communal and social justice" by affording opportunities to those belonging to backward and unrepresented communities to secure admission into educational institutions and into the public services. But then it is asked whether some of the non-Brahmin sections in Madras are at all so backward that they require preferential treatment in the manner in which the reservation of seats is made for really backward communities and Harijans, but there is no point in giving preference to other sections who are at present quite as advanced, if not more, than the Brahmins themselves. Questions on this subject had been frequently asked in the Madras legislature but Government spokesmen content have so far themselves with the reply that the Communal G. O. will not be repealed until conditions are improved.

According to talks among a section of Andhra Congressmen, the Prakasham episode, which now rests with the

Restore Goodwill And Confidence AINEC CHIEF'S APPEAL TO THE PRESS

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"A joint session of the standing committees of the AINEC and FNEC will be held at New Delhi on May 4th and 5th. I request all members of the Standing Committee of the AINEC to attend the session without fail as important issues are due for consideration."

I appeal to the press of the country to offer in full measure their contribution to the restoration of goodwill and confidence between Pakistan and India.

"I am sorry there has been some delay in arranging this meeting of the joint session but the convenience of important groups whose co-operation is necessary for success has had to be studied. "Reports received so far both from Pakistan and India are encouraging. The task of implementation of the Prime Ministers' agreement has been taken vigorously on hand and ready heartening results are recorded. The spirit of amity engendered by the political settlement has permeated the press of the two countries. I am glad to find that the newspaper organisations in Pakistan have taken steps to ensure the co-operation of the press in creating the right atmosphere for the success of the agreement. The Indian press has amply responded to the appeal of the Prime Minister of India to second government's efforts in the recovery of confidence and the restoration of goodwill between the countries."

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threat of disciplinary action against him, may after all be settled peacefully and satisfactorily. It is learnt from a reliable source that as a result of the intervention of some strong influences, it is very likely that Mr. Prakasham would be sent for by Sardar Patel for discussions on his move to move a privileges motion in the Madras Assembly, and to the any action to be taken in pursuance of the notice of disciplinary action would only be considered afterwards. It has been impressed on the Sardar that any drastic action against Mr. Prakasham can be depended upon would produce unfavourable reactions in the Andhra area, where apart from any official position he may or may not hold, he commands great respect and influence among the people. An attempt will, it is stated, be made by the Sardar to dissuade Mr. Prakasham from carrying out his intention to move the resolution and that it is also very likely that Mr. Prakasham would respond to the personal appeal of Sardar Patel. It may be recalled in this connection that the principal complaint of Mr. Prakasham all along has been that the whole matter in connection with the ministerial episode, his charges against the Ministers etc., was decided by the higher-ups in the Congress without giving him a chance to represent his case and argue his viewpoint. Once that essential formality is fulfilled, Mr. Prakasham can be depended upon to accept whatever advice Sardar Patel or Pt. Nehru may give him.

While this is one side of the picture, the other side is represented by the second reply which Mr. Prakasham has sent to Mr. Kumaraswami Raju, as leader of the Congress Party. In it he has reiterated his contention that the Congress Legislature Party, of which Mr. Raja is the leader, has no claim to be called as such, because it is a party which consists only of the supporters of Mr. Raja and all its affairs are conducted on that basis alone. Mr. Prakasham says that he could not be expected to be loyal to a party which is run on such a partisan basis. The reply is a personal attack on Mr. Raja for the most part and highly critical of the affairs of the Congress Party, and is composed obviously with a view to its publicity and propaganda value.

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the differences that existed between the two countries but its success will lead the way to a just resolution of all the other issues and I trust that thought will weigh with my colleagues in all that they publish and be the paramount consideration. I am meantime requesting Messrs. Rao, Durga Das and Sahni to visit Calcutta and Decca as early as possible as duly accredited representatives of the AINEC and provide factual and objective accounts of the conditions prevailing there."

BRITAIN'S STERLING LIABILITIES

India Unaware Of Likely Transfer To U.S.A.

NEW DELHI, April 18, (UPI): The Finance Minister, Dr. Mathai, said in a written answer in Parliament today, that the Government of India had no information about the U.S.A. and U.K. Governments considering the possibility of transferring Britain's sterling liabilities to U.S.A. except that the question of U.S.A. sterling liabilities to other countries was one of the matters which the tripartite conference of the U.K., the U.S. and Canada held in September 1949 remitted for study by representatives of the three Governments.

The Government of India had been informed by the U.K. Government that so far only "factual information" had been supplied to the U.S. and Canadian Governments, he added. He said, "As early as November last, the Government of India informed the U.K. Government, through their High Commissioner in London, that they expected to be kept fully informed of the course of the discussions and that no commitments should be made affecting our interests without giving us ample time for consideration and consultation. At the Colombo Conference, the Indian economic delegation again strongly emphasised these points which have been reiterated in a further communication recently made to the U.K. Government."

Two Reds Unearthed SECUNDERABAD, April 18 (UPI): The Hyderabad District police raided the House of Mr. K. Tatachar, Advocate, Secunderabad, and succeeded in running to earth two Communists, Kota Narshah and Buchah, yesterday. The Communists were placed under arrest.

Wanted To End Great And Good It All, But His Nerve Failed

LOS ANGELES, April 18.

A TIME BOMB placed to destroy a United Air Lines transport plane failed because the man who planted it lost his nerve and warned a baggage attendant, police here stated.

"Do not let that plane take off," shouted John Grant, 31-year-old laboratory technician of Hawthorne, California. "I just put a bag on it full of gasoline."

Police who arrested Grant yesterday quoted him as saying he was saddled with heavy debts and had taken 25,000 dollars in insurance policies on his wife, Betty, his six-year-old daughter, Marie, and his son, Robert, aged five, all of whom were among the passengers.

"I wanted to end it; this was the only way I knew," he was quoted as saying. The bag was seized from a truck by a baggage assistant who took it to a nearby parking lot, opened it and it burst into flames; another baggage assistant chased Grant and he fled as he was about to enter his parked car.

ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION PLAN Mahatab's Plea For Effective Public Aid

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

MR. MAHATAB, the Chief Minister of Orissa State while replying to the criticisms about the prohibition policy of the Government, expressed his regret that the members of the Prohibition Sub-Committee have evidently done no specific work to explain to the public the need for prohibition.

Continuing, Mr. Mahatab declared that no reformatory measure or prohibition could be carried out through police or military help. By this sort of prohibition no satisfactory result could be achieved. He added that in order to push through prohibition scheme successfully a strong public opinion was needed.

Before the Orissa Assembly adjourned "sine die" on 31st March, 1950, following the adoption of the State Budget for the year 1950-51 two days earlier, he had pressed the Orissa Tenants' Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1950. The Orissa Public Embankment Construction and Improvements Bill 1950, and the Orissa Municipal Bill were referred to Select Committees.

The Deputy Leader of the Opposition Mr. Lokanath Misra in a vigorous speech while pointing out the improper use of the provisions of the Bill in different parts of the State declared that the operation of this measure had not been satisfactory at all, anywhere.

Earlier the Orissa Assembly also passed the much awaited Abolition of Second Amendment) Bill and sent the Orissa Development of Industries Irrigation Agriculture Capital Construction and Resettlement of Displaced Persons (Land Acquisition) Amendment Bill, 1950, to a Select Committee.

The Government threw a surprise when they did not bring before the assembly the much awaited Abolition of Estates Bill, 1950, popularly called the Zamindari Abolition Bill of the Chief Minister Mr. H. K. Mahatab which was scheduled to be introduced during the budget session. It is reliably gathered that the Government intend to introduce the measure in a revised form after non-officially eliciting the opinions of the different sections of the leaders of public opinion, evidently with a view to avoid a serious controversy over the measure which in the opinion of the Chief Minister was a very important one.

Although all the forty demands made by different Ministers were technically voted by the House, an analysis of the whole of discussions revealed that while the Government virtually all the time discussing the minor demands only the last day (i.e., March 29) covered most of the major demands involving large amounts and those demands were adopted with little discussion. Nevertheless the Speaker did not apply guillotine to get the demands voted by the House.

UNUSUALLY WARM ATMOSPHERE A little unusually warm atmosphere prevailed when the House met for the year 1949-47 were presented to the Assembly. Quite a number of members from both sides of the House joined in their criticism against the various defects occurring in the preparation of the report as also the non-co-operating attitude of the Government of Orissa officials with the auditing authorities.

Replying to the criticisms the Chief Minister revealed that the Orissa Officers had also pointed out certain defects of the Accountant General's staff in the matter of auditing the accounts which the former ought not to have done. He however expressed the hope that matters would very much improve when the Accountant General's office is finally shifted to Orissa from Ranchi.

The anxiety and the interest about the Appropriation Bill, 1950, for a total sum of 1,23,74,313, showed by both sides of the Orissa Assembly was manifest in the fact that it was adopted only after a prolonged debate paralleled in the history of the Orissa Legislature, nay, in any other State legislature in India. This showed how keen the members were in knowing every detailed item of expenditure provided in the budget.

Vehement criticisms were made on the floor of the House when the demand under head "Stationary and Printing" was made. The members including a Congress member Mr. Radhanath Rath while pointing out certain irregularities in the Orissa Government Press which have resulted in colossal waste of Government property

WASHINGTON, April 18 (P.T.I.-Reuter):

The Indian Ambassador Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit yesterday presented new credentials to President Truman at the White House. Her previous documents, presented last year before India became a Republic, were signed by King George of Britain. This time her credentials were signed by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of India.

The letter of credence from President Prasad to President Truman read: "Great and good friend, being desirous of maintaining and strengthening the good relations which exist between our two countries, I have decided to accredit to your excellency as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Vijayalakshmi Pandit, a distinguished citizen of India."

"The qualities which distinguish her assure me of the care which she will take to acquit herself of the high mission which is entrusted to her so as to obtain your excellency's confidence and thus merit my approbation."

"It is in this conviction that I request your excellency to receive her with your graciousness and to attach faith and complete credit to all that she will say to you on my behalf, and specially when she will convey to your excellency the assurance of my high esteem and my constant friendship."

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Scheme To End Land Trouble ELIZABETH EXPECTING SECOND BABY

SAURASHTRA'S NEW AGRARIAN POLICY

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, April 17. Agrarian trouble in Saurashtra which has risen the Girasias and tenant farmers into violently conflicting and stupidly selfish groups since the issue of varying legislative and executive fiat after the shelving of the Amida system of dividing the agricultural produce between Girasias and tenants-at-will, proposed by the well-intentioned Saurashtra Government two years ago, bids fair to terminate. The Ministry of States, keen about lifting the burdens impeding the process of increased food production to liquidate Saurashtra's annual food-deficit of 75,000 tons, has decided to devise a "modus operandi" based on the Saurashtra Rajpramukh's formula, the reactions thereto of Girasias and tenants, and the conclusions reached on the Gharkeed tangle in the Saurashtra Cabinet meeting at Rajkot on April 12.

Much of the present agrarian trouble is likely to disappear if the Saurashtra Government lets bygones be bygones and grants suitable compensations to large landed proprietors ready to forgo their zamindari rights, like the Vadvanaga Nagar Shagars of the Vansavad Taluka, care being taken to avoid over ten months delay which ensured before the weary waiting Vansavad Talukdars could obtain the pecuniary quid pro quo for the zamindari rights.

The Speaker also gave an important ruling on the point of order raised earlier on the remarks of the Chief Minister who had asked "Whether a member who was out of wits was fit to sit inside the House." The Speaker held that such statements should not be made on the floor of the house. It may be remembered that this was the second occasion when the House's Chief Minister Mr. H. K. Mahatab was censured for the tactlessness while dealing with the members of the Opposition.

LONDON, April 17 (P.T.I.-Reuter):

Princess Elizabeth is expecting her second baby. An announcement indicating this was issued tonight from Buckingham Palace. It read "Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, will undertake no further public engagements."

This is the usual procedure for announcing an expected royal birth. Princess Elizabeth, who is twenty-four years old on Friday, is now in Malta with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh who has been serving with the Royal Navy in the Mediterranean.

Western Union Council Session Ends

BRUSSELS, April 17 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The eighth session of the Western Union Consultative Council—the five Brussels Treaty Powers—ended here tonight with decisions to hold military expenditures at already budgeted levels. The meeting opened yesterday under the presidency of Mr. Paul Van Zeeland, Belgium's caretaker Foreign Minister. Leaving the conference room, M. Henri Libaert, Belgian Minister of Finance said that during the talks stress had been laid on the "order of priority in military expenditures" by the five signatory nations to the Brussels Treaty.

A mission from the International Bank will leave on Wednesday for Teheran to survey Persia's general economic situation. An announcement said the Persian Government had asked for the mission.

India's Loan To Burma Criticised

BRITAIN HAS SET A TRAP, SAYS M. P.

Insurance Bill Passed

PARLIAMENT today enacted a comprehensive amending measure relating to insurance in India. The Bill had a chequered career being withdrawn once, moved thereafter by two successive Commerce Ministers and referred twice to Select Committees.

Parliament passed earlier the Appropriation Bill relating to loan of Rs. 1,33,33,000 and an advance of Rs. 1,33,33,000 to Burma and to budget expenditure for Vindhya Pradesh.

A minor bill amending the Inland Steam-Vessels Act was also passed, before the Bill for representation of the people was taken up.

Mr. B. Das (Orissa) who initiated the debate referred principally to the grant of Rs. 1,33,33,000 as loan to Burma. He regretted that the House had not been taken into confidence in respect of the decision of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers which had resulted in the grant of the loan. He wanted to know what were the prospects of the repayment of the loan.

Referring to the amount being advanced against shipments of rice, Mr. Das said according to his knowledge the Government of Burma had control only over a territory of fifty miles radius round Rangoon. The rice territory was under the control of the Government.

He would, therefore, like some explanation from the Government. Mr. Das also said that the U.K. Government should be made to take over the responsibility for the payment, by Burma of the pre-partition debt of Rs. 48 crores due to India.

Supporting the loan, Pandit H. N. Kunzru (U.P.) regretted that the Government had not given any more information to the House than what was contained in Press reports. He wanted to know whether the loan being granted would be sufficient to strengthen the Burmese currency and whether any investigation into the currency position of Burma had been made. If the loan was not sufficient, he was afraid it would endanger the repayment of it.

Referring to the grant of the loan to Burma, Pandit Kunzru said: "Though we are a poor country it is a pleasure to us that we have been able to aid a neighbour who is in a similar position. I hope we will follow a similar policy in regard to our other neighbours also. We may be poor but we can never be so poor in spirit as to be unwilling to share the little that we have with all those who need our assistance and ask for it." (cheers).

BRITISH TRAP
Mr. Biswanath Das, former Premier of Orissa, said that India by agreeing to give a loan to Burma had fallen into the "trap" kept wide open by Britain. India would not stand to gain from it in any way and the loan would benefit most the British, who had high stakes in Burma. It was for that reason that Britain had released one million sterling from the blocked sterling balances.

India, Mr. Das said, could not afford to be generous to Burma when she was unable to provide any protection to lakhs of Indians in rebel-held areas. The news of this loan would further antagonise the rebel administration against Indians in that territory. The plight of Indians was bad even under the Burmese Government.

Referring to the rice loan, Mr. Das said that it would benefit the "middlemen" in Burma who would keep good part of the "sale price of rice" with them.

Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhary (Assam) said it was in the interest of India to see that Burma, her neighbour, was kept free from Communism. But it was to be seen whether the Burmese Government would be able to suppress the Communists. He wanted to know whether the loan had been given because the Prime Minister of India had committed himself to it at the Colombo Commonwealth Conference or was it decided by the Government itself.

Replying to the debate, the Finance Minister at the outset dealt with the "rice loan." He said that payments would be made out of the loan only after a satisfactory settlement was reached in discussions with Burma in regard to the price, quantity and time of delivery and other relevant matters. If they were to get some 100,000 tons of rice at last year's price would cost about five crores of rupees. The loan being given was ten per cent of this. The rate of interest would be rate for short-term commercial loans and would not be more than two per cent.

The loan was a transaction that no objection could be taken to it on the grounds of business considerations.

HISTORY

Dr. Mathai then dealt with the main loan to Burma and briefly narrated its history. This question of loan, he said, had been raised long before the Colombo Conference. For a considerable period of time, they had held extra investigations into precisely the questions raised by Pandit Kunzru. "We satisfied ourselves that in the circumstances, balancing certain factors against certain others, on the whole in view of the interest we have in the stability and prosperity of Burma, as a financial transaction this

together and form a corporation and work under the guidance of the Government. In that case, the experience of insurance companies would not be "thrown away" but made use of by the Government.

There was no debate on the third reading of the Bill and it was passed amidst cheers.

BAN FOUNTAIN PEN INK IMPORT

Tariff Board Enquiry Begins

BOMBAY, Tuesday (UPI).—The annual demand for fountain pen ink in India was estimated to be about 120,000 gross bottles of 2 oz. size, when the Indian Tariff Board opened its public enquiry into the claim for protection to the fountain pen ink industry here today.

Dr. T. L. Dey, member of the Tariff Board, who conducted the proceedings said that the indigenous fountain pen ink industry was largely a wartime industry, for, a greater part of the expansion of this industry took place during wartime and the reduction in the imports of this article is now our real trouble. This is why we must build up those reserves in every way," he declared.

He said Britain had gone a long way during the past year to remove restrictions in imports. For a great trading community like Britain the removal of trade restrictions was beneficial provided they could maintain the controls necessary to safeguard their national security and to carry out that degree of planning essential for maintenance of full employment.

Britain was determined to play her full part in the European Payments Scheme but she must realise that the position of sterling as an international currency was not jeopardised.

TRANSFERABILITY
Britain over the past two years had gradually extended the transferability of sterling until today probably half the world's international trade and commerce was carried by sterling.

That was a fine achievement in face of post war difficulties. It had been a great service to the world, but it had only been achieved at considerable cost to Britain.

Turning to the internal economy, the Chancellor said inflation was still the greatest danger to the success of Britain's external policies. If it got the upper hand, her balance of payments position would deteriorate dangerously.

FINANCIAL PART
Reviewing the prospects for 1950/51 on the basis of existing taxation, the Chancellor estimated total "above the line" expenditure (not taking into account certain capital expenditure "below the line") at 3,455 million sterling.

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Britain was determined to play her full part in the European Payments Scheme but she must realise that the position of sterling as an international currency was not jeopardised.

TRANSFERABILITY
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That was a fine achievement in face of post war difficulties. It had been a great service to the world, but it had only been achieved at considerable cost to Britain.

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The market opened steady but closed slightly easier due to profit-taking with regard to the speculative counters as well as jute and coal shares. Government securities remained unchanged. Following are today's final transactions up to 3-00 p.m.:

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HIGH COST OF U. P. RICE

House Sympathises With Madras

THE "high cost" of the U.P. rice supplied to Madras, which figured at a question time on Parliament yesterday, was the subject matter of a half an hour discussion in Parliament this evening.

Mr. O. V. Alagesan (Madras) who raised the discussion wanted the Centre to subsidise Madras to the extent of 75 per cent in the same way as was done in respect of imported rice.

Madras faced a deficit of 7.5 lakhs tons. The 40,000 tons allotment from U.P. had cost the Madras Government a difference of Rs. 108 lakhs.

If all the deficit of Madras were to be made up by rice allotments from U.P. it was estimated that the State would have to bear an additional expenditure of ten crores. While the price of U.P. rice was fixed at Rs. 22 per maund the price of rice in the neighbouring provinces was much lower.

MANY VARIETIES
Mr. Alagesan said: "Our Prime Minister hails from that State and its destinies are predestined over by one of our veterans. It is far from my intention to criticise the U.P. State. But the prices fixed for U.P. require to be explained."

Also, whereas rice in other States had been divided into two or three varieties, in U.P. it was divided into five different varieties. This also had to be explained by the Government.

Sardar Says: Pool All Resources

DISCUSSIONS WITH RELIEF WORKERS

CALCUTTA, April 18. (UPI).—THE necessity of pooling all resources and of fully co-operating their efforts was emphasised by the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, at a meeting of relief workers here this morning.

At the Government House at 8-30 a.m. about 60 workers of the United Council of Relief and Rehabilitation, a representative body which had been set up to co-ordinate the work of various relief organisations, met Sardar Patel. They gave him a review of the work they had so far done and conveyed to him their idea about the complexity of the problem. They further stressed the necessity of more efficient relief camps and emphasised the immediate need for rehabilitation of displaced persons.

Sardar Patel discussed the question with them for about two hours. He also analysed the problem in the light of the agreement on minorities.

HEAVY PROGRAMME

Today, the third day of his mission to Calcutta, Sardar Patel has to go through a heavy programme. Besides a number of interviews, he is scheduled to address the Congress workers and members of the West Bengal Assembly in the afternoon on different aspects of the agreement.

Shri Santosh Kumar Basu, India's Deputy High Commissioner in Dacca, has been asked to come over to Calcutta and report to Sardar Patel today on the situation in East Bengal and how the Delhi agreement is being implemented there. Shri Basu is expected to be in Calcutta in the afternoon.

The Deputy Prime Minister also acquainted himself today with the opinion of different sections of people with regard to the agreement. At about 11 a.m. he met Shri Radha Binode Pal, a well-known jurist and ex-judge of the Calcutta High Court, and discussed with him the clauses of the agreement. Later, he met Shri Rajendra Prasad, a member of the Rajendra Prasad Committee, and Shri C. C. Biswas, Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University. The Deputy Prime Minister pleaded with all of them to give a fair trial to the agreement.

Two West Bengal Ministers, Shri Kalipada Mukherji and Shri Niharendu Dutt Mazumdar, also met Sardar Patel today.

HOSTEL SUPER ATTACKED

Students Complain Of Bad Food

SECUNDERABAD, April 18 (UPI).—The students of the Wesley Hostel, Secunderabad attacked the residence of Rev. J. J. Wesley, Superintendent of the Hostel, last evening, and damaged property worth Rs. 5,000. The angry students, who complained of bad food, attacked the Superintendent after cutting off communications and cordoning off the place.

They attacked those who came to his rescue. The police came to restore order, and a few persons were removed to hospital for treatment.

Plague In Nagpur

NAGPUR, April 18 (UPI).—Plague which had taken a toll of 2,949 lives out of 24,209 cases of attack in the State during the last three months, is definitely on the decline now.

This is borne out from the figures for the week ending April 8 and the week previous to that.

During the week ending April 1, there were 949 cases and 101 deaths due to plague throughout the State.

Congress Executive

NEW DELHI, April 18. (PTI).—The meeting of the Congress Working Committee is postponed to April 29, the Secretary of the AICC, announced today.

Ring-Back-Tone In Calcutta

GOOD TELEPHONE INNOVATION

CALCUTTA, April 18. (PTI).—RING-BACK-TONE, the latest innovation in the Calcutta telephone system, will be introduced some time next week.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Calcutta Telephones, Mr. H. R. Thadani, in a press statement says that the Calcutta telephone system has suffered from the defect that after the required telephone number has been ascertained by the telephone operator, the caller's line goes dead, leaving him in doubt whether or not his requirement is being attended to.

Arrangements have now been made for a ring-back-tone, which is an "echo" of the ringing of the called subscriber's telephone bell. In the case of the same exchange calls, the call and the "echo" will be heard soon after the telephone operator has repeated the required number, unless the called subscriber is engaged, in which case a busy tone signal is heard.

Sardar's Broadcast To West Bengal

CALCUTTA, April 18 (PTI).—Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, will broadcast to the people of Bengal on Thursday April 20 at 8-30 p.m.

Deshpande May Speak Now

NAGPUR, April 18. (PTI).—The order served on Mr. V. G. Deshpande, organising Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, directing him not to move outside his village, Sankar Khorda (Budauna district) and not to make any public speech or statement on Indo-Pakistan relations has been withdrawn by the Madhya Pradesh Government yesterday.

Fair Wages Bill: Action Soon, P M Promises

THE Prime Minister said in Parliament today that the Government intended to proceed with the Fair Wages Bill as speedily as possible. He assured the House and labour that the Government were committed to the tripartite agreement and as soon as the present examination of details of the bill was over and the bill took final shape, it would be published.

The Prime Minister, who made a statement in Parliament, explained why there was delay in introducing the Bill. He said that the bill had been under consideration of Government for some time and Government and Parliament attached considerable importance to it. It was the intention of the Government to introduce the Bill during the current session of Parliament and his colleague, the Labour Minister, was anxious to do so.

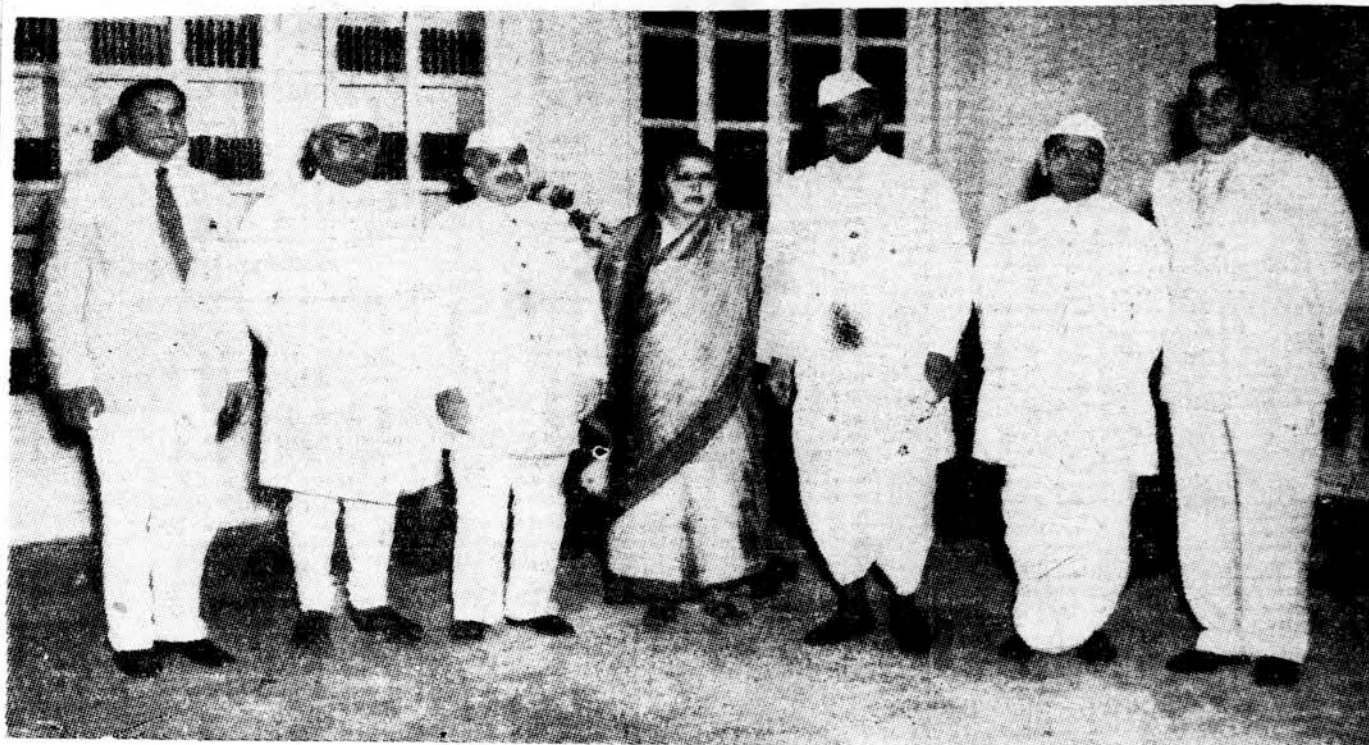
He tried his utmost to complete the preliminary preparation of the Bill, but the Prime Minister regretted that it was not possible to introduce the Bill in the current session.

"I hope, however, this will not involve ultimate delay in the passage of the Bill."

Sweets May Move

RAJKOT, April 18 (PTI).—A Government press note issued today says that the ban on the movement of sweets outside Saurashtra from the State had been removed.

PRESIDENT MEETS SCOUT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS



Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian Republic, photographed with members of the Hindustan Scout Association when they called on him at Government House, New Delhi, recently.

Basis Of Indo-Pak Trade Talks

Balanced Exchange Of Commodities

KARACHI, April 18. (PTI-Reuters).—A BALANCED exchange of commodities expressed in monetary terms will most likely be the primary object and basis of the Indo-Pakistan trade talks opening in Karachi tomorrow.

According to usually reliable circles, the talks will not be directed towards a barter agreement between the two countries, in the common sense of the word.

The Indian delegation led by Mr. C. C. Desai, was scheduled to arrive in Karachi by a Pan-American Airways plane today from New Delhi.

The Indian delegation will be joined later in the day by officials of the Reserve Bank of India who will arrive here from Bombay.

The Pakistan delegation will be led by the Secretary-General, Mr. Mohammad Ali.

Racial Policy Dangerous

MICHAEL SCOTT'S WARNING

LONDON, April 18 (PTI-Reuters).—THE Reverend Michael Scott, Champion of African tribesmen's rights, told a large audience last night that Africans would be driven to "extremes of nationalism" unless racial hatred and contempt were rooted out of South Africa.

He was addressing a meeting in London sponsored by "Christian Action," which is staging a nationwide campaign to "awake the conscience of Christians to the colour problem." Among those on the platform were Sir Richard Acland and Mr. Tom Driberg two of the six rebel Labour Members of Parliament who voted against the Government in the Seretse Khama affair. Lady Cripps, wife of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lady Parmoor, Sir Stafford Cripps' mother, and the Duchess of Atholl.

BRITISH RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Scott said Britain had a direct responsibility to many African territories including Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland and a "sacred trust" towards their peoples.

"The colour bar in South Africa is crucifying the country and obstructing the natural, social and economic development of all races. The White Race included," he said.

"These people are going to be driven into a path of wrath and hatred and crime by the irresponsibility of our statesmen and by the abandonment of principles by our political parties. They are setting up a festering sore which, if it is allowed to go on, will infect the whole stream of the Continent and poison race relations throughout Africa."

NO JAVA SUGAR

NEW DELHI, April 18 (PTI).—The Indonesian Ambassador in Delhi, Dr. Soedarsono, said today that there was not likely to be any exports of sugar from Java to India this year.

Dr. Soedarsono made this statement in reply to a query this morning at the press conference given by the Indonesian delegation to Moscow.

3,000 Acres In Goalpara For Food Cultivation

GAUHATI, April 18. (PTI).—The Government of Assam has decided to allot over 3,000 acres of land in low lying areas in Goalpara District and Berpet sub-division in Kamrup District to help in their Grow More Food campaign. This will also help in the rehabilitation of thousands of refugees.

The Agriculture Department has been asked to distribute jute seeds to the intending growers.

Beggars Have Their Day

SECUNDERABAD, April 18 (UPI).—City beggars had a stroke of luck yesterday when they were asked by the rationing authorities to have a go at the food which had been provided for 500 guests.

It transpires that Seth Jagdish Parshad, a businessman, invited 500 guests to a dinner in celebration of the marriage of his son. The Rationing authorities raided the place while the guests were about to sit down to the feast. The food which weighed several maunds, was distributed among the beggars. The erring Seth is being prosecuted for committing a breach of the rationing rules.

ARRESTED: Mr. Bishan Chandra Seth, General Secretary of the U. P. Hindu Mahasabha, was arrested in Shahjahanpur on Monday. Mr. Seth has been kept under detention.

GOVERNMENT SERVANTS' FAMILY PENSION FUND

Labour Minister Presides At Centenary Celebrations

BOMBAY, Tuesday. MR. M. M. NAIK-NIMBALKAR, Minister for Labour, Government of Bombay, today commenced an insurance scheme in aid of the families of Government servants, while presiding over the Centenary Celebrations of the Bombay Government Servants' Family Pension Fund of Government Servants this evening.

Killed Two In Saving One

LUCKNOW, April 18 (UPI).—A driver found himself in the police lock up, while trying to save a girl from being crushed by the motor lorry which he was driving, according to a report received here from Hardoi, a neighbouring district.

It is stated that while the lorry was going at a considerable speed, the driver gave the vehicle a sudden turn to one side to save a girl coming in the way, and although the girl was saved, the hydraulic brakes gave way and the lorry collided with a tree and was smashed.

Two passengers were killed and sixteen injured in the accident. The driver was put under arrest.

Overstayed Welcome

CALCUTTA, April 18 (UPI).—One Mahommed Mobin, who was prosecuted under Section 3 of the Indian Pakistan (Control) Act for overstaying in the Indian Union without any valid permit, was sentenced yesterday to pay a fine of Rs. 300, in default to undergo three months' simple imprisonment by a Presidency Magistrate.

INDONESIA'S FUTURE

Delegate's Hopes

NEW DELHI, April 18 (PTI).—The Indonesian delegation to Moscow led by Mr. I. N. Palar, Chief Indonesian delegate to the United Nations, expressed the opinion in Delhi this morning that Indonesia would emerge as a unitary Republic as a result of the work of the Constituent Assembly of Indonesia which is to be convened in December this year.

The delegation consists of three members of the Federal Parliament, besides the leader.

Mr. Palar said that as a result of the negotiations at Moscow, they expected the USSR, which had already recognised Indonesia, to open an Embassy at Djakarta. The opening of the Embassy will "improve the attitude of the Communists to Indonesia," said Mr. Palar. The Communists had seven representatives in the Federal Parliament out of a total membership of 150.

Referring to the revolt of Captain Abdul Aziz at Macassar, the statement said that the situation at Macassar had "returned to normalcy" and the incident had had "no appreciable repercussions on the state of things in Indonesia." Captain Aziz was now a prisoner at Djakarta and he would be tried by court martial.

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Other points that were made out by Mr. Palar in reply to questions were—Indonesia hopes to become a member of the United Nations before the end of the year.

"We are prepared to recognise the Government of Indo-China which has the backing of the people. Our Government has not yet come to any conclusions as to who represents the Indo-China people."

"New China has recognised the Indonesian Federal Government" and we are prepared to recognise them. The question of exchange of diplomatic missions was being taken up "through normal channels."

The only purpose of the delegation's visit to Moscow was "negotiations for exchange of diplomatic relations". The delegation met the Prime Minister yesterday and would be meeting the President this afternoon. They will leave Delhi tomorrow morning for Karachi en route to Moscow.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

GETTING into your seat in a cinema after the show has begun is an art which I certainly do not possess. I have travelled a long way from the time when, entering the Royal Opera House, I missed the first solo picture, I missed the seat in the dark quietly sat down on step and watched with bated breath the misfortunes of Trilby. But I am still a country yokel in these matters and it saves such a lot of bother confessing it outright.

Anyway, I went the other day to a show with a friend. As he knows my shortcomings, he preceded me and did it so well that I was left very much behind. The attendant, however, was helpful as attendants are—he flashed the light on my face and, having flicked the flicker torch off, re-focussing it on the aisle through which I had to go.

I moved forward and nearly landed on my face. But, supported on the one side by the knees who had got in before me and on the other by the backs of the seats in the row in front, I moved to my seat. As is my habit, I felt gingerly in the seat that I thought was mine, meaning to lower it. (Perhaps because of my first mistake in sitting on the floor, this is almost second nature to me.) As it turned out, the seat was not vacant, and something between a hiss, a scream and a shout made me draw back quickly. With all these stories going round about men misbehaving and what not, I am rather self-conscious and dead scared of getting mixed up in some kind of scandal where, whatever happens, the man always gets off second-best.

However, a crisis always brings one's mind into full working order. In the little time that I had to get to my seat, I had thought out a plan. I knew that the interval was due any split second. Crouching low, I moved forward again and, getting past my seat, went up to where my friend was sitting, enjoying my painful progress, and asked him in a firm whisper to ask no questions but to slip quietly into my seat. An entrancing Mickey Mouse held the attention of the house and it was a safe manoeuvre. The change was soon effected. And not a second too soon because the lights went up.

Three seats from the one on which my friend was sitting, the dame who had been the cause of my troubles. A ferocious type who from the look of her regarded all men as contemptible, leud, creatures, she was capable of putting the worst construction on an honest mistake. And as I looked at her, I saw that she was doing it all right. My friend, the innocent victim of her malignant stare, turned and caught it full blast and wilted.

He asked me what the— was all about. I answered quite honestly, "God knows". And he said that there was bound to be trouble. Evidently, as I gradually learnt from my usually moody companion, the dame was a family friend—or, to quote him, "fiend if you prefer it". He became eloquent on the subject. "You know the type", he said, "the ones who, once they learn your name, do not know you smoke, for example, take a devilish delight in saying, 'Oh, you won't like ice-cream; smokers generally hate sweets', very sweetly in front of them. Well, you can imagine what she is going to do."

I cheered him up by telling him that anyway this time it was not smoking that he had been up to and that he had to thank the Bombay Government, which had been smoking in theatres for this. He muttered an inaudible and, I am sure, unprintable imprecation against the B. G. He was worried that he was in for it when he got home, for the lady was his neighbour and would surely drop in to register her complaint.

Assuring him that she looked quite a good sort,—this drew a dirty look from him,—and that nothing would happen at his home, I warned him that the show had begun.

I was right. Nothing could have happened to him when he got home. Everything happened as we stepped onto the foyer—I like the word, whatever it might mean—of the theatre. We had sneaked out of our side exit but we were not quick enough. Before he could dodge her, the lady sailed up to him.

"To think that you should be such a dirty dog," she hissed out. "Are you not ashamed of yourself?" Innocence is somehow more confused under a straight onslaught than barefaced guilt. My friend tried ingenuously to hide behind me and stammered an apology.

How wrong are the wise! Alas, it was not the soft answer that turneth away wrath. It kindled it. "You—you—low swine," she hissed and walked off.

I do not think that my friend yet knows what happened. And, as he is next to illiterate, this public confession of mine will not reach his ears. But it shows—as I said, how bad it is to go late to the theatre.

Another Rail Tragedy Victim Dead

BAREILLY, April 18. (PTI).—One more injured person died in Sadar Hospital, Badaun, bringing the total number of death in the Kumaon Express derailment to 36.

Mr. K. C. Pathak, Senior Government Inspector of Railways, concluded his inquiry yesterday. He visited the site of the accident along with O.T. Railway officials.

The second annual conference of the All-India Progressive Students' Bloc will be held on 24th and 25th April at Patna.

Alleged Assault On Superintendent

BOMBAY, Tuesday. Mohamedalli Essak and five others are alleged to have assaulted the Superintendent of the Bai Janaba Orphanage with their fists and hockey sticks inflicting injuries, including a fracture of a rib. They were first placed before a Juvenile Court, but as they were above 17, they were produced today before the Magistrate at Mazgaon Police Court and remanded into police custody.

MUTT AND JEFF—And Now Mutt Is Scratching With Both Hands

By BUD FISHER

